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In Tense Washington, Gloom Grows Even Brighter Polls Fail to Dispel Republican Pessimism By Michael Wines New York Times Service

WASHINGTON - Recently one of President George Bush's top appointees, a man known more for competence than political zeal, got a telephone call dangling the prospect of new employment in January. Nothing odd about that; with Mr. Bush's re-election uncertain, many Republicans are furtively fielding

But this call stood our for its source: Bill Clinton's campaign staff was already plucking at the carcass of the Bush regime more than a month before Election Day.

"They were probably testing my loyalty," the Bush official said, sounding both bitter and

Mr. Bush himself might call Washington Tension City these days. Not since Ronald Reagan pried the White House from Jimmy Carter's grip a dozen years ago have the final days of a presidential election taken on such a torate. Crockett-at-the-Alamo aura of urgency.

Yes, recent polls show the race has tightened in the last few days, but that has not been enough to dispel the gloom that has been setthing in for months.

Republicans despair at finding their shiring city on a hill — seat of the Cold War triumph. gilded monument to a decade of prosperitybesieged by Mongols at the gates and awaiting capitulation. Democrats are savoring the giddi

ness of revolutionaries pulling down the statues

in the town square.

Politics is not geometry, of course. Whatever Mr. Clinton's advisers hope in their hearts, his victory is so far but a statistical assumption, hedged by margins of error and a volatile elec-

much of official Washington anyway, like a movie in which the outcome seems forcordained but the suspense still tingles.

Rumors, some based in fact, take flight almost hourly. A top Cabinet member is plotting his senatorial accountability of the suspense of the senatorial accountability.

his senatorial campaign. (True.)
The administration is renting space for Mr.

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Tighter Still: A Poll Shows **Clinton Only** 1 PointAhead

Frenzied Last Weekend **Finds Both Candidates** Working Toss-Up States.

By Paul F. Horvitz

WASHINGTON — The presidential campaign entered a final, frenzied weekend as President George Bush and Governor Bill Clinton stumped in Modwestern and Northern industrial states whose electoral votes could decide Tuesday's election.

Bush campaign officials have claimed in recent days an opportunity to win 28 of the 50 states, with just over the 270 electoral votes needed for victory. They acknowledged, however, that only half of those states could be considered solid for the president. The strategy also assumes a Republican South and in much of the West.

Three national polls by news organizations put Mr. Clinton's margin among "likely" voters at one, six and nine percentage points, with Ross Perot, the independent, a distant third, and sliding. A poll conducted for CNN had the narrowest margin: 41 percent for Mr. Clinton, 40 percent for the president.

Both Mr. Perot and Mr. Clinton have bought large blocks of network television time on Mon- / e a day night for a final pitch. Mr. Bush, after refusing for weeks, agreed to appear Sunday night on MTV, the rock video channel that is sponsoring forums for younger voters.

The president's aides have marked Ohio. Michigan and Wisconsin as among the toss-up states, and Mr. Bush's weekend schedule reflected a scramble for votes where he believes he has the best chance. On Friday, Mr. Busb traveled to Tennessee, Missouri and Wisconsin, and on Saturday be was scheduled for a whistlestop train tour of Wisconsin.

In Nashville on Friday, the president attacked Mr. Clinton's plan for economic revival, calling it "trample-down economies" that Re-would burden small businesses with new federal regulations and stille individual initiative. mon

Bush advisers believe that the unrelenting of I portrayal of Mr. Clinton as a tax-loving liberal closs who lacks the character and maturity is taking hold, especially with suburban and indepen- c fadent voters.

Mr. Clinton held rallies on Friday in New ng-Jersey, Peansylvania, Ohio and Michigan. His vid weekend schedule includes Georgia. Wisconsin and New Jersey again.

The governor on Friday portrayed Mr. Bush al-

as an untrustworthy advocate of a failed ecoas be sought to hold in line states that, not long

ago, seemed solidly in his corner. Panting after his morning jog, he vowed to run "aggressively" in the final days to lay out the choice: "More of the same or a different direction. New Democratic Party or trickle-

Clinton advisers maintained Friday that the electoral map still held far more routes to victory for Mr. Clinton than for Mr. Bush.

Many independent analysts agreed, saying that while the president must win his core states

and all the toss-up states, Mr. Clinton can alford to drop a few states that he might have been courting. Mr. Clinton's core states including the entire West Coast and much of the Northeast — already provide nearly enough to win, they say. Some analysts believe that if Mr. Bush falls

short in enough states, be could suffer a land-

Robert Teeter, a pollster who is Mr. Bush's campaign manager, said Thursday: "If we can get that base back of 190 to 210 electoral votes m the West and South, then you can go fight him for those 60 or 70 other votes you need to

The nationwide popular vote does not elect a U.S. president. Each candidate gets all of a state's "electors" if he wins the popular vote inthat state. The number of electors equals the state's number of scats in both houses of Con-

"The president has rallied in the popular vote, but he still has a mountain to climb in the Electoral College, "Stuart Rothenberg, a political analyst, told CNN on Friday.

Hotline, a comprehensive daily political newsletter operated by a Republican, concluded Friday that Mr. Clinton held statistically sound leads in 23 states with 270 electoral votes while Mr. Bush led solidly in four states with 46 electoral votes. But the newsletter cautioned that the polls from 32 states were dated by a

A poll released Friday by the Detroit News showed Mr. Clinton with a 10-point lead in . See CAMPAIGN, Page 3



President George Bush reaching out Friday to the faithful in Warren, Michigan . . .

While Governor Bill Clinton did the same at a rally in Pittsburgh as the campaign reached the final weekend before Election Day.

Putting Tax Squeeze on Foreigners: Easy to Promise, Hard to Do

By Lawrence Malkin nternational Herald Tribune

NEW YORK - In a search for new and politically risk-free revenue, Governor Bill Clinton has turned to foreign companies operating in the United States. Tax experts said Friday that unless a Clinton approach drasti-cally improved on the methods already adopted m a Bush administration crackdown, the companies would have little to worry about.

On the stump, the Democratic presidential nominee has promised that by tightening en-forcement, a Chinton administration would collect up to \$45 billion in taxes from foreign - rough estimate.

owned companies over four years. In 1988, the latest year for which figures are available, they totted up \$825 billion in U.S. revenue but paid only \$5.8 billion in taxes.

Prodded by a Democratic Congress, the Bush ministration ordered the Internal Revenue Service to squeeze more revenue from interna-tional companies by close audits of the pricing policies between foreign parents and American subsidiaries. At present, 251 cases questioning these "transfer prices" are before the IRS's appeals board, with \$13.6 billion in taxes at stake. Congressional estimates put the tax biability of loringn companies at \$30 billion, a

any details of how they would collect more money. They rely on the statistic that 71 per-cent of these companies pay no taxes, while ignoring the fact that 59 percent of U.S. companies do not pay taxes, either. Many of the foreign subsidiaries are marketing companies set up to penetrate the United States with a foreign product that may take years to earn

Tom Field, a former Treasury Department. tax attorney who edits Tax Notes, a trade publication, said: "These are the same ideas that have been kicking around for a long time 1 guess the Clinton people have been talking to

the one named Rosy Scenario - because if they get into office they will have to revise these hopeful campaign estimates downward."

If one case argued by Marc Levey of the accounting firm of Ernst & Young is any example, the estimates will have to be drastically reduced. Mr. Levey said his client, a large multinational facing a tax demand in the tens of millions of dollars, settled at a ministule 1.5 percent of what the IRS wanted.

Mr. Field was not surprised, he said, because "settling for a penny and a half on the dollar is better for the IRS than losing the case in court." A fair transfer price that can serve as a basis

for taxation is set by comparing the company's practices with those of others in the field, Establishing this baseline price is very difficult, and arguing it out at a trial can be even harder because the standard of proof demanded by American courts is often impossibly high.

The IRS often uses industry-wide standards that do not apply; for example, trying to assess the earnings of French Champagne subsidiaries at the standard rates for U.S. beer and soft drink companies. Mr. Field recalls a case he lost in the 1960s for the IRS, which wanted to tax shippers of oil, grain and other bulk commod-

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Bomb Explodes Near Major's Office

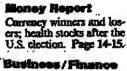
LONDON (Reviters) - A car exploded shuddered at the force of the blast and a late Friday just yards from Prime Minister

John Major's office at 10 Downing Street,
the police said. There were no reports of
the scene. Mr. Major was not at his office injuries, but government buildings nearby when the car exploded, officials said.

General News The FBI raided the U.S.

teasurer's home. Page 4. Israel and Jordan were reported to be close to accord on an agenda.Page 2.

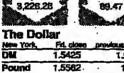
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Russian Disarmers Thrown on Defensive By Michael Dobbs and Fred Hiatt

Washington Past Service

MOSCOW — The growing influence of hard-line nationalists in the Russian parliament and uncertainty about Ukraine's nuclear intentions have pushed Russian proponents of arms reduction agreements with the United States onto the defensive.

Senior Kremlin officials insist that they remain committed to arms-control agreements stready negotiated with Washington, including a framework accord that will slash strategic nuclear weapons by two-thirds in the next decade. But they acknowledge that political set-backs for President Boxis N. Yeltsin have comcated the ratification process and raised doubts about future arms negotiations.

"It is a hard time for disarmers in Russia, that's for sure," said the deputy foreign minis-ter, Grigori Berdennikov, the chief Russian negotiator in arms reduction talks with the United States. Both Moscow and Washington, he said, "need to take the political environment into

Mr. Berdennikov also expressed grave con-cern about recent indications that Ukraine may be reconsidering its pledge to give up all nuclear weapons. He said such hesitation would encourage the spread of nuclear arms to other countries and would also make it more difficult to persuade hard-liners to approve arms-control pacts with the United States.

American officials have privately expressed concern over the delay in hammering out the final details of a landmark arms-reduction agreement announced by Mr. Yeltsin and President George Bush at their meeting in Washington in June. The agreement requires Russia to climinate its 308 SS-18 missiles, the most pow-erful weapon in its arsenal, in addition to banning all other land-based missiles with multiple

Initially, Mr. Bush administration officials said they expected to have work on the treaty completed by September, well in time for the U.S. elections. The failure to meet this target has enabled the Democrats to raise questions about the president's ability to nail down armscontrol agreements with the Kremlin.

Mr. Berdennikov and Foreign Minister Andrei V. Kozyrev denied in interviews that there had been any deliberate footdragging on the Russian side. They said the remaining obstacles to turn the framework agreement into a formal treaty were "technical" and "economic" and were most likely to be surmounted in coming

"I do not see anyone here," Mr. Kozyrev said, "who questions the political agreement, the essence." He added that there was a "temptation" for technical experts on both sides to

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Mass Hysteria Grips a French Port, and a Witchhunt Is the Result

By Roger Cohen New York Times Service

CALAIS, France - In a Europe of the returning demons of racism, ultranationalism and ethnic violence, this depressed port has been gripped by a fit of mass hysteria involving rumors that blond children have been raped and brutally murdered. The hysteria has led to a vendetta against a young man of French and Tunisian descent. With its unemployment averaging 13 per-

cent, and ranging over 40 percent in some poorer districts, its declining port and lace industries, and its general air of moroseness, Calais is representative of a Europe in which

tion. Imagine, for example, that Madonna sud-

close to 17 million are without work. The irra-tionality of what happened here recently has struck some as a warning.

"I am not a psychologist, but I know there is a growing sense of insecurity and an increasing concern about the future," said Michel Sajot, the deputy mayor. "And right here in Calais, in the Bean-Marais district, everything was ripe for an explosion."

That explosion began a month ago, prompting first local and then national media attention. Somebody suggested that a dark-skinned young man was propositioning blond children and taking their photographs outside the Georges-Andrique school in the Beau-Marais, a bleak working-class area of crumbling high-rises with a population of 24,000 and an unem-

ployment rate of over 50 percent. Who made the suggestion and how it led to hundreds of parents insisting that several children had been abducted, raped, beheaded and eviscerated is unclear.

What is evident, however, is that a 19-yearold man named Christophe Beddeleem has been hounded from the neighborhood amid threats of death, while his mother, marconed in her apartment, is now afraid even to bring her younger children to school.

Among the insults hurled at Beddeleem in the Beau-Marais is "bougnoule," a term that

roughly translates as "dirty Arab." He has also been referred to as "Dracula," "Frankenstein,"

and "Freddy the long-nailed rapist." And yet, it seems that oothing happened Not one child has disappeared. Nobody has been raped. No lewd photographs have been found. No evidence has been unearthed of any

The local police chief, Daniel Cott, has ended an investigation after concluding no crime was committed. "The case is closed, and we have nothing to add," a police spokesman said. Mr. Beddeleem is now in hiding

His ordeal began on Friday, Sept. 25. Some-one's child — nobody knows whose — seems to

have told a parent that a man was taking photographs. In fact, a city surveyor was at work with a camera near the school preparing a study for the construction of a new square Armand Pierrot, the headmaster of the Georges-Andrique school, which is attended by 327 children from the ages of δ to 12, said he was abruptly called to the door of the school,

where be found about 20 enraged parents.

They were saying there were children with throats slit," he recalled. "One woman said there were two children in the field behind the school with their stomachs cut open. Having asked what evidence there was, and

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'Ultra Big Couple' Has Japan Swooning By T. R. Reid please.' I said, 'Very well, sir.' And then I was so, you know, happy." ington Post Service in a media-saturated, homogenous country TOKYO — To appreciate the full dimensions of the romantic bombshell that has where new fads and fevers sweep the length of rocked Japan, you have to use your imagina-

denly announced her engagement to William (The Refrigerator) Perry, the 300-pound lineman who plays for the Chicago Bears. tem, the corrupt political system and the rotten Even that would pale, though, before the economy have been shoved aside as reporters commousness of Japan's surprise and clation at the real-life news announced this week: Taka-

hansda proposed to Rie Miyazawa. Yes, you read it right. Takahanada, the bigbellied, baby-faced megastar of Japan's most popular sport, sumo wrestling, placed a phone call to Rie Miyazawa, the ever-so-cute singer, actress and sometime nude model who is the country's best-known "idol," and popped the

This catactysmic conversation, as related by the 19-year-old bride-to-be at a press conferonce that drew 350 reporters on 20-minutes notice, went as follows: "He said, Marry me, going with "Super Couple." The Fuji TV net-

the land in a flash, that telephonic proposal was erough to launch Japan's feisty sports newspapers and network news shows into full-scale wretched-excess mode. Little things like the tottering banking sys-

scramble to report every last smidgen of news on the couple. One media battleground involves what to call the happy pair. For major happenings in Japan these days, it's important to choose an appropriate catch phrase - it must be in English, the

trendy language among young people - for For this news, some newspapers chose the phrase "Golden Couple" —a description previously applied here to the marriage of Joe Di-

Maggio and Marilyn Monroe.

The entertainment TV shows, meanwhile, are

work topped that with "Dream Super Couple," only to be topped in turn by the Weekly Asshi zine, which is using "Ultra Big Couple," The Dream Super Comple are both Ultra Big here because they represent two extremely pop-

plar forms of humanity in Japan. Miss Miyazawa is the classic example of an idol. In Japanese show business parlance, that means a smiling, miniskirted leconger who sings and dances on TV shows and poses in cute outfits for the weekly magazines. Miss Miyazawa got her start at age 15 playing opposite Arnold Schwarzenegger in a 15-second TV commercial for a vitamin tonic, then moved into records, TV dramas and movies.

The occupational hazard for these starlets is that there are always younger, prettier faces coming along, and thus the career of an idol rarely lasts more than a year or two. But Miss Miyazawa moved astroly to keep berself at Last year -months before Madonna got the

same idea — she released a photo collection depicting her visits, in the nude, to scenic spots

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Bird of Different Feather The Pitohui Is a First: It's Poisonous

By Natalie Angier New York Times Service

NEW YORK - Toppling traditional notions of how birds defend themselves, scientists have discovered the first known poisonous bird, a brilliant orange and black creature whose feathers and skin are laced with a potent toxin that is thought to deter preda-

Researchers were astonished by the discovcry because they had never before found an example of a bird's using a chemical defense against its enemies. Many inserts, fish, amphibians and reptiles are equipped with nox-ious compounds that make them distasteful, but birds were thought to rely on quick flight to escape being caten.

The bird, called a hooded pitchni (pronounced PIT-o-hooey), lives in New Guinea, is about the size of a blue jay and is familiar to local villagers and ornithologists alike. But

only now have scientists learned that the bird

harbors a poison. "It blew our socks off," said Dr. Bruce M. Bechler of Wildlife Conservation International, a division of the New York Zoological Society. "There are about 9,200 species of birds out there, and no one has turned no this phenomenon of chemical defense in any of the species of any of the avian families. This

was a bolt from the blue." Dr. Beehler is an author of the report on the poisonous bird, which appeared Friday in

the journal Science. The biologists believe the poison works by instantly repelling any snake, hawk or other predator that so much as licks one of the bird's feathers.

they thought they knew has in fact a few surprises up its wing, researchers said they See POISON, Page 5

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Iran's Russian Submarines: A Quiet Omen for the Gulf

By Barton Gellman

Washington Post Service
WASHINGTON — The Busb administration was so alarmed earlier this year by the prospective sale of Russian attack submarines to Iran that it tried to interest Saudi Arabia in paying Russia to abandon the transaction, according to American and British

That gambit failed, as did direct U.S. diplomatic entreaties to Moscow.

Administration officials now say the arrival of the first Iranian submarine in the Gulf, expected by mid-November, will augur a strategic challenge in the Strait of Hormuz, About 20 percent of the world's oil flows through the strait each year, and no Gulf nation has had attack submarines until now.

One ranking defense official, citing the 1987 operation to "reflag" and protect Kuwaiti ships against attack by Iranian warplanes, predicted that U.S. warships would again escort friendly ships if Tehran makes good on public threats to use the submarines to control the chokepoint to the Gulf's oil ports.

"I can't imagine we'll permit them to do that against anybody." the official said in an interview. "We conducted a substanual military operation to prevent that five years ago, and, if anything, our interests now are

After much haggling, the Iranians have agreed to pay \$600 million to the United Admiralty Sudomekh

shipyard in St. Petersburg for two Kilo-class submarines, with an option to buy a third, according to a U.S. intelligence estimate. Representatives of the People's Mojahedin of Iran, an opposition group, have reported that Iran is negotiating for a fourth and fifth Kilo, but government analysts said they could not confirm the report

American analysts say they fear that the exceptionally quiet, diesel-electric submarines, whose stealthy characteristics will be enhanced by the complex sonar conditions of the Gulf, would be difficult to locate and

"If you had a couple of proficient Kilos running around loose in the Gulf of Oman, northwest Arabian Sea or Strait of Hormuz, I don't think you'd want to pay the Lloyds of London insurance rates." said one official who has studied the sale.

official who has studied the sale.

The first Iranian-owned Kilo, still flying the Russian naval ensign and accompanied by the Russian bydrographic ship Pluton, is steaming southward at three knots on the surface of the Red Sea, according to three knots on the surface of the Red Sea, according to a U.S. Navy official with access to current intelligence, a U.S. Navy official with access to current intelligence, its "still speaking Its crew, according to another officer, is "still speaking Russian on the radio," and the frantians are not yet thought capable of operating the boat on their own, thought capable of operating the boat on their own, U.S. intellegence specialists expect the Kilos to the U.S. intellegence specialists expect the Kilos to make port temporarily in Bandar Abbas, then move make port temporarily in Bandar Abbas, then move southward to bases under construction in Chahbar. The deeper and wider waters of the Gulf of Oman and northwest Arabian Sea would give them more room to

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the approach to the Gulf's narrow scrait.

In the 1982 Falkland Islands conflict between Argentine crew used a German gentina and Britain, an Argentine crew used a German gentina and Britain, an Argentine crew used a German gentina and Britain, an Argentine crew used a German gentina and Britain, an Argentine crew used a German gentina and Britain, an Argentine crew used a German gentina and Britain and Argentine crew used a German gentina and Britain and Argentine crew used a German gentina and Britain and Britain and Britain and Britain and Britain detect submarines, the Gulf's warmth belps a submarine hid, the admiral said. The noise of other ships and oil rigs also can obscure a submarine's presence.

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Other military officials, however, expressed configure that U.S. warships and maritime patrol aircraft could rapidly locate and destroy any Iranian submarine that used to exhaust the worst case, the admiral said, that lifeline could be cut off for the two months it might take to exhaust the submarines' supplies. might take to exhaust the submarines' supplies.

American analysts also expressed concern that the submarines could be politically useful to the Iranians

without presenting an overt military challenge.

"You could lay mines with it and you could sink a ship with it, and there would be some amount of deniability," the admiral said. "For years and years you could blame it on some Iraqi mine that we had not discovered It's a means to intimidate and at the same discovered. It's a means to intimidate and, at the same time, have a measure of deniability."

The Russian export model of the Kilo carries up to t8 torpedoes or 24 mines.

Described by the admiral as "the quietest subma-

maneuver, while still providing a "picket" position at the approach to the Gulf's narrow strait in the crowded Gulf, most of which exceeds the

to be contemplating an overture to India, which has a substantial antisubmarine navy and an interest in balancing the loose alliance between Pakistan and Iran. Saudi Arabia, and eventually Iraq, are thought likely to seek submarines of their own.

As recently as a month ago, the acting U.S. secretary of state, Lawrence S. Eagleberger, made a last-ditch effort to stop the Russian submarine sale, meeting in New York with the Russian foreign minister, Andrei V. Kozyrev. The Russian replied that his country needed the money for its economic reforms and noted the Bush administration's recent decision to sell 72 F-15XP strike fighters to Saudi Arabia.

WORLD BRIEFS

Slovaks, in Shift, Would Discuss Dam

VIENNA (Renters) - Slovakia said Friday that it was ready to discuss hydroelectric project on the Danube with Hungary and to suspend work

a hydrocactic project on the Danine water away from the river.
"We are willing to suspend work until an international commission checks the technical problems of the project, and we are open to further negotiations," Prime Minister Vladimir Meciar of Slovakia said during an

official visit here.

Mr. Median's conciliatory statement coincided with news that international experts had arrived at the site of the Gabeikovo hydroelectric dam, in accordance with an agreement between Hungary and Czechoslovakia that the European Community should inspect the works. Mr. Median said the suspension would remain in force only so long as there was no danger of flooding or damage by erosion to existing technical sites.

Rebels Shell Airport in Monrovia

MONROVIA, Liberia (AP) — Rebels who were staked out in swamps, outside Monrovia shelled the city's only operating airport on Friday, causing panic among civilians on the ground and a planeload of Nigerian soldiers arriving to detend the capital.

One mortan hit a field on the side of the airport as the plane carrying the Nigerians was landing and a second exploded near the runway as the

the Nigerians was landing, and a second exploded near the runway as the plane taxied to the terminal. More than 100 soldiers rushed from the

plane taxied to the terminal. More than 100 sodiers reside from the aircraft. The airport reopened, but three hours later another shell exploded near houses at the end of the runway. No one was injured, but dozens of people fled the area.

The Nigerian-led multinanional force fighting the rebels then closed Spriggs Payne Airfield until Saturday so that they could shell the area to drive out the rebels. The mortars were fired from the direction of swamps and a three-story iron factory northeast of Monrovia that fighters of the mortal trades had been applied to the deeper and the story for the same that the story iron factory northeast of Monrovia that fighters of the control of the same that the same that the same that the same of the same of the same that the same of the same of the same that the same of the sa gnerrilla leader Charles Taylor bave held since Wednesday. Mr. Taylor controls most of the countryside.

South African Amnesty Is Approved

CAPE TOWN (AP) — An advisory body to President Frederik W. de Klerk of South Africa on Friday approved his plan to grant amnesty for political crimes under apartheid, allowing the measure to become law. But the President's Council, a 60-member advisory body dominated by Mr. de Klerk's governing National Party, recommended changing the bill to require the disclosure of crimes committed by people who receive

Parliament defeated the bill last week, but approval by the President's Council permits Mr. de Klerk to sign it into law. Any changes, such as those recommended by the President's Council, cannot be made until Parliament reconvenes in January. The government is not obligated to make the changes recommended by the council.

EC-ASEAN Trade Accord Reached

MANILA (Renters) - Enrope and ASEAN set aside their dispute over buman rights on Friday and agreed to expand trade while promoting

European investment in Southeast Asia. Foreign ministers of the European Community and the Association of South East Asian Nations forged a compromise on the divisive issue of East Timor, heading off a clash between Portugal and Indonesia, ASEAN's most powerful member. An ASEAN official said after the oneday meeting in Manila that Portugal was "a minority of one." He added "It was either they compromised or there would be no joint communi-

The ministers pledged their countries' commitment to human rights and fundamental freedoms and "agreed to continue their dialogue and cooperation on these issues." Portugal had accused Indonesia of genocide in Portugal's former colony and insisted that East Timor be mentioned in

PhnomPenhBraces for Khmer Rouge

PREAK KDAY, Cambodia (Combined Dispatches) — Government soldiers reinforced this northern suburb of Phnom Penh on Friday after reporting that Khmer Rouge guerrillas had shot seven rockets this week into the area, a village leader said.

A United Nations spokesman, Eric Falt, said a UN military team had been sent to investigate. UN peacekeepers are guiding Cambodia through elections by May, But the Khmer Rouge say they will not take part in the poll or bonor its results unless they are given more power over the overnment before the election.

A senior diplomat, meantime, said Thailand was abandoning its mediator's role in Cambodia after failing to persoade the Khmer Rouge to abide by a UN-sponsored peace plan. A meeting between Khmer Rouge leaders and Thai and Japanese diplomats on Thursday, seen as a last effort to break the impasse, ended without progress. (AP, Reuters)

Iraqi Maneuvers Are First Since War

BAGHDAD (AP) — Iraq has held its first military exercises since the Gulf War, and state-owned television on Friday showed dozens of tanks and armored personnel carriers crossing desert lands.

The site was not disclosed. The report showed pictures of the exercise taken from a helicopter, which would mean the maneuvers were in central Iraq, between rebel-held territory in the north and south where Iraqi

For the Record

President Rob Tae Woo of South Korea will visit Kyoto in western Japan on Nov. 8 for an informal meeting with Prime Minister Kiichi Miyazawa, the two countries announced Friday. (AP)

A total of 13 people were injured and 150 houses damaged when a suspected Irish Republican Army van exploded outside a police station on Friday in the village of Giengormley, north of Belfast. (Reuters) An Israeli who was shot and wounded by Palestinian gunnen on Tuesday as he shopped at a market near the occupied West Bank town of Jeain died Friday, hospital officials in Haifa said.

TRAVEL UPDATE

Gulf Air is planning to expand operations in Southeast Asia to face an increase in air traffic in the region. The airline said the expansion would cover Singapore, Indonesia, Vietnam, South Korea, Taiwan and Japan in addition to the operation of new flights to several countries in Africa and

Russian air controllers decided to start an unlimited strike on the night of Nov. 29-30, the Federation of Traffic Controllers quoted by the Itar-Tass news agency announced. Russia's 8,000 controllers first went on strike Aug. 16, only to put a stop to the movement a few hours later for fear of causing a serious air crash.

(AFP)

A tough Italian draft law would bun smoking in virtually all indoor public places, including restaurants, schools and theaters. The cabinet approved the law, one of the strictest ever in Italy. It would ban smoking outright in all parts of schools, offices, hospitals, theaters, sports halls, recording studios, restaurants, arts galleries, railroad stations, public offices and stores. The bill must be approved by parliament to be

Air France announced that smoking will be banned starting Int. 1 on European flights shorter than two hours to Austria, Belgium, Britain, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Netherlands, Portugal and Spain. (AP)

Nearly 200 people have been hospitalized in Athens since Thursday for cardiac and respiratory problems linked to a sharp rise in air pollution.

train, but still a distant second to France's world record - 515 kilometers

Israel and Jordan Reportedly Close To Peace Agenda

By John M. Goshko WASHINGTON - One year after the Middle East peace talks began, a senior U.S. official has announced that Israel and Jordan

are close to agreement on which topics will be included in negotiations for a peace treaty between the The announcement by Edward P. Djerejian, assistant secretary of state for Near Eastern Affairs, that the two governments "are very close to final agreement on an agenda" seemed a genuine cause

for optimism in a process where progress is measured by inches. Speaking Thursday, as the talks recessed until Nov. 9, Mr. Djerejian added that Israel and Jordan now had a "substantive basis" for serious negotiations. If the agenda is approved, it would be the first mutually agreed document to

emerge from the process. Israel also has been negotiating with Syria, Lebanon and Palestinians representing the Israeli-occu-pied West Bank and Gaza Strip. These other talks have been bogged down for most of the year in procedural fights and only recently have started to show hints of the kind of the progress reported in the Israeli-

Jordanian negotiations, In Israel, the media reacted with excited observations that an Israeli-Jordanian agreement on an agenda would mark Jordan's first public statement of willingness to sign a peace treaty and establish normal relations with the Jewisb state. It also caused a short-lived flurry of meet, although Israeli officials said

there are no such plans. U.S. officials, while more restrained, also described the impending agreement as having an importance that is more than merethat Arabs and Israelis intend to keep the peace talks going despite did not go into detail.

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovi-

na - Bosnia's Muslim-led govern-

ment was reeling Friday from the

loss of the key northern stronghold

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the frustratingly slow pace that has prompted frequent threats by one or another of the participants to

walk out. Actually, they said, the process is proceeding on two levels: the pub-lic rhetoric unleashed by both sides for domestic political purposes, and the more meaningful exchanges that take place among ne-

gotiators in private. That difference was underscored by the gap between Mr. Djergian's optimism and the downbeat note sounded in a joint news conference

by the four Arab delegations.
Haidar Abdel-Shafi, the chief
Palestinian negotiator, accused Israel of obstructionism and said "there is no possibility of peace" unless the United States takes a more active role and, in effect, forces the parties to agree on a large-scale Israeli withdrawal from Arab territories occupied in the 1967 Middle East War. Mouaffak Allaf, the Syrian dele-

gation head, added that only minimal progress had been made toward getting an Israeli ommitment to withdraw from the Golan Heights, captured from Syria during that war.

But senior U.S. officials, speaking on condition that they not be identified, said these statements were at variance in important aspects with what the Arab delegations privately have told the United States

The officials said that while the Arabs assume greater U.S. intervention would work to their advantage, there bas not been a request speculation that Prime Minister for the United States "to go into Yitzhak Rabin of Israel and King the conference room, as one offitalks agreed to last year, the United States cannot get involved directly in the talks unless requested by both the Arabs and Israelis.

In response to Arab complaints that no progress has been made. ly procedural. They said it shows one senior U.S. official said blunt-

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interpret the deal in a way most favorable to them. "This is what usually bappens," he said. "This is normal."

Officials in Moscow also acknowledged that the political climate had changed considerably, darkening the prospects for rapid progress in arms control. In foreign policy as in economics, Mr. Yeltsin and his government are under attack from nationalists and those

been singled out and accused of having given away too much in the field of disarmament and of slavishly following the U.S. line in international affairs.

"A large portion of public opinion believes," Mr. Berdennikov said, "that we've done too much disarming already, especially with the troop withdrawals from East-

So the situation is really difficult," he said. "It's not simple."
The deputy minister emphasized

Although declining to comment on suggestions that American officials were expecting a Russian draft treaty sometime next week Mr. Berdennikov said he expected Mr. Kozyrey and the the acting U.S. secretary of state. Lawrence S

vance the negotiations. swifter pace." be said.

Officials also suggested that they were concerned about the costs of disarmament and may be seeking additional U.S. financial aid for the dismantlement process or modificarrying out the accord less costly.

in what are now four separate nations appears as intractable a problem as ever. In a debate in the Ukrainian parliament this week, some deputies made clear that they believed their nation should not migration crisis that has spurred quickly give up its nuclear weap-

The possibility that Ukraine or, more remotely. Kazakhstan or Belarus might reconsider their nonnuclear pledges is cited in turn by hard-liners bere as an argument against rapid disarming. In general, he added. The political situation changes very rapidly.

Yeltsin Defends Ban on National **Salvation Front**

OUT OF IRAQ — Nikita Smidovich, the leader of the latest UN inspection team to Baghdad, describing Friday the harassment, attacks and threats suffered by his group. The team devoted most of its time to checking on Scuds and other ballistic missiles.

ASTRAKHAN, Russia — President Boris N. Yeltsin, traveling to the provinces to rally support for his embattled government, on Fri-day defended his ban on a militant opposition group and said hrighter economic news was just around the

Mr. Yeltsin declined to quasb speculation that be might introduce direct presidential rule, bypassing the parliament, to prevent Russia's der N. Shokhin of Russia said techeconomic and political crisis from nical and bumanitarian assistance, worsening. "Direct presidential the focus of the conference that rule is complex because I would be drew 70 countries and 19 interna-violating the constitution," he said. "But I took my oath first of all to the people, and the rest comes lat-

He said the National Salvation Front, which he outlawed Wednesday, was a "very dangerous organizanon" intent on the overthrow of the government.

The blood that was spilt during foreign debt, he said. 75 years of Soviet power is not enough for the revanchist forces meeting process that began in Jan-which formed the National Salva-uary in Washington. Informal tion Front," be said at the start of a working groups co-chaired by key

of the year after rising inexorably

Ex-Soviet States Asking For More Economic Aid

TOKYO — Former Soviet re-publics asked for more assistance to belping the 12 new states. after the world community ended a two-day conference Friday that Fund has estimated Russia's fipromised more than \$500-million

"Humanitarian help is very good but it is a drop in the ocean," For-eign Minister Alexander Chik-stressed that no matter how much vaidze of Georgia said.

very, very small part of the real

More important to Russia, where reformers are battling conservative hard-liners, are successful negotiations with the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank for to help the new independent states help in rescheduling the country's

The conference ends a threetrip to the southern city of Astra-donor nations will be replaced by a more permanent structure in which Mr. Yeltsin gave an upbeat economic message, claiming prices should start to stabilize at the end

At a closing press conference, At a closing press conference, Foreign Minister Michio Watanabe of Japan and other officials

Mr. Eaglehurger, modifying somewhat previous U.S. state-ments, said that Washington offered \$412 million in new aid, comprising \$260 million in emergency food assistance, \$100 million in feed stocks, \$38 million in excess military food stocks and \$14 mil-

hon in emergency medical supplies

and reaffirmed their commitment

The International Monetary

nancing needs at \$22 billion in

international aid flows to the for

get through the winter. Japan promised \$100 million, which Mr. Watanabe predicted would be approved in parliament by the end of the year and delivered in the form of food and medical aid.

Jean-Louis Cadieux, representing the European Community, said that nearly \$90 billion has been contributed overall to the former Soviet republics, three-fourths of that by the EC.

Germany to Start Expelling Gypsies

BERLIN - In an operation that critics say holds alarming echoes of the past, Germany on Sunday is to start forcibly repatriating thou-sands of illegal Romanian mi-grants, most of whom are Gypsies,

the ethnic group that next to Jews

homeland and have no one to de-"We Germans have a historical

debt to the Gypsies," said Annelore who have entered Germany since Hermes, spokeswoman of the Ger-man Association for Threatened accord was planned with Czecho-Peoples. "This agreement is utterly

Experts from her organization visited parts of Romania last year and found hard evidence of "pogrom-like violence" against the Under the accord, signed by the

two Interior Ministries on Sept. 24, illegal migrants will be placed on aircraft and flown back to Bucharest, at Germany's expense. In return, the Romanian government will get 30 million Deutsche marks (\$20 million) "reinsertion money to help the returnees.

nificant step" toward curbing the flow of illegal economic migrants

accord was planned with Czechoslovakia.

airliners with handcuffed passe gers, which means Germany will have to use the Romanian state airline Tarom or foreign charter airlines, according to Ulrich Westermann, a pilots' representative with the German transport.

Estimates of how many Romanians face deportation vary greatly, from 50,000 to 136,000, from 60

But German pilots refuse to fly

percent to 90 percent of whom are ethnic Gypsies, Mr. Hermes said. In another development, Foreign Minister Klaus Kinkel said Friday greater buman rights in other countrain, but tries. (AFP, Reuters) an hour.

Lufthansa will start twice a-week flights, beginning Sunday, between Frankfurt and Alma-Ata, the capital of Kazakhstan. It will be the first direct service between the Kazakh capital and Western Europe, the German airline said.

city health officials said. that the wave of rightist violence. An experimental train sped through northwest Japan on Friday at up to maked it hard for Bonn to advocate 353 kilometers an hour (219 miles an hour), the fastest ever for a Japanese

rent conditions prevailed and the arms embargo against Bosnia remained in force, Bosnia would be Suspension of Baltic Pullout Threatens U.S. Aid to Russia.

WASHINGTON - Russia's decision to suspend its withdrawal of troops from the Balties could threaten the provision of hundreds of millions of dollars in

U.S. economic aid, the State Department said Friday. An amendment recently passed by Congress sets out conditions on providing Russia with its share of about \$417 million in aid appropriated for former

A State Department spokesman, Joe Snyder, said, "None of the funds made available other than bumanitarian assistance may be provided to Russia until the president provides Congress with a report on the progress being made toward the withdrawal of Russian and CIS forces from the Baltics." The CIS is the Commonwealth of Independent

"Second," Mr. Snyder said, "no more than 50 per-

cent of the funds other than humanitarian assistance shall be made available unless the president certifies to Congress by June 1, 1993, that Russia and the Baltic states have made substantial progress toward establishing a timetable for the withdrawal or that substantial withdrawal has occurred."

Larvia, Lithuania and Estonia on Friday condemned Russia's decision to suspend the withdrawal of troops, calling the move an effort to appease Russian nationalists

President Boris N. Yeltsin's order "contradicts the obligations Russia has taken in regard to Estonia. Latvia and Lithuania." President Lennart Meri of

Estonia said by telephone from the Estonian capital,

Mr. Meri said the order violated the 1992 Helsinki Final Act, which calls for the immediate and orderly withdrawal of foreign forces from the Baltics. He said he would call on foreign ministers in the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe to discuss the matter at their next meeting in Stockholm in

The North Atlantic Treaty Organization urged Moscow to resume the pullout without delay. "This is a matter for concern," a NATO spok

Ethnic Russians make up about 1.67 million of the 8 million residents in the Baltic states. Most are concentrated in Latvia, where they make up about one-third of the population of 2.7 million.

Russia took control of the former Soviet Army

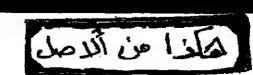
troops after the collapse of the Soviet Union at the end of 1991. Russia had agreed to remove all the troops from the Baltic countries by the end of 1994. Russia and Lithuania had agreed on a timetable, although the document was never signed. Russia still was holding talks with Estonia and Latvia, which have

demanded a faster pullout.

The Latvian Foreign Ministry issued a statement expressing "surprise and bewilderment" at the order, copressing "surprise and newscape, the Baltiax news agency reported. : Baltiax news agency reported.
"Latvia has repeatedly stressed that the withdrawal

of the Russian forces from it should not be linked with any of its other internal or international problems," the statement said : Russia faces a severe shortage of housing for the

returning soldiers, and must also must build new homes for former Soviet forces being pulled out of Eastern Europe. (Reuters, AP)







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defeats inflicted by rebel Serbs. The Bosnian Army command in Saraievo said its troops counterattacked later and retook at least one section of the city. But an army press official said the town did not 'exist" anymore, an indication of

the intensity of the fighting. Jaice, 60 miles northwest of Sarajevo, fell Thursday. The Croatian press agency, HINA, said the population of 30,000 fled, and it reported an immense column of refugees moving south across cations in the agreement to make mountainous terrain toward Trav-

Increasingly frustrated by the blows to his forces. President Alija Izetbegovic, who was in Tehran, threatened Friday to use poison gas to try to stop Serbian attacks. But his outgunned armed forces appear to lack the equipment to carry out the threat. Poison gas has not been used by either side, and it does not

appear that the Serbs have any Mr. Izetbegovic's threat, broad-

forced to use "poison gas in exis-tence in Bosnia" to defend them-Elsewhere, Bosaian radio report-

In Sarajevo, only a few sbells landed Friday morning, mostly on the southern edge of the Old Town to the east and in the western sub-

country's decentralization along

economic and geographic lines.

cast on Iranian radio, appeared prompted by the string of combat defeats and the disintegration of a coalition of Muslims and Croats against the Serbs. Mr. Izetbezovic said that if cur-

ed heavy fighting in Gradacac and Breko in northeastern Bosnia, and

urb of Dobrinja. Among Bosnia's three warring groups, only the Muslims have agreed to a proposal Wednesday by international mediators for the

still faithful to communism.

Mr. Kozyrov in particular

em Europe.

that be believed the arms talks remained "pretty much on track."

Eagleburger, to meet soon to ad-"I don't know who expected a

The presence of nuclear weapons

The possibility that Ukraine or,

suffered most under the Holocaust. Bonn says the expulsions are an acceptable way, formally agreed with Romania, of tackling an imunrest in Eastern Germany and fueled the rise of neo-Nazi groups. But buman-rights groups and

Interior Minister Rudolf Seiters described the repatriation as "a sig-

States, the grouping that replaced the Soviet Union after its collapse last year.

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Businessmen, as Usual, Wild About Bush

WASHINGTON — Like most Republicans in past campaigns for the White House, President George Busb seems to hold a commanding lead among American business executives.

A Fortune magazine poll of 184 chief executives taken in July after

Ross Perot withdrew from the race showed Mr. Bush favored by 85 percent, with just 9 percent for Bill Clinton.

Such samplings have limited statistical validity, but a fax poll

conducted last week of 219 small-business owners by the accountants Ernst & Young showed that 51 percent planned to vote for Mr. Bush, with 18 percent for Mr. Perot and 15 percent for Mr. Clinton.

Many executives and small-business owners interviewed this week said Mr. Busb was the candidate most likely to follow a set of policies that would keep taxes and interest rates in check, restrain the federal debt and the surge in bealth-care costs, and nudge the economy toward a broader recovery.

Few pro-Bush executives fix much blame on Mr. Bush for the weak economy, since he entered the White House in 1989. Robert W. Galvin, chairman of the executive committee and former chief executive of Motorola Inc., said that the heavy debt loads and the real-estate bust that followed the boom times of the 1980s were created by business leaders themselves rather than by tax policy or the deregulation of banks that stimulated leading. (NYT) the deregulation of banks that stimulated lending.

Clinton is Now Counting on Jesse Jackson

WASHINGTON -After months of keeping some distance from the Reverend Jesse Jackson, Mr. Clinton's campaign is counting on the civil rights leader to spur a big turnout of young and minority voters that could be crucial for the Democratic ricket in a tightening

And Mr. Jackson, who for months carried on a semipublic quarrel with Mr. Clinton over the extent of his commitment to help minorities, is now laboring quietly to pile up what he hopes will become valuable IOUs owed to him by the Clinton White House if the Arkansas governor wins next Tuesday.

George Stephanopoulos, Mr. Clinton's communications director. called Mr. Jackson's activities "critically important" to the campaign and said that they should help spur a big voter turnout. Mr. Jackson, be said, is "pragmatic, a real pro" who understands the importance of a Democratic victory after 12 years of Republican rule. (LAT)

Clinton Sour on USAir Plan for Deal With BA

WASHINGTON - Mr. Clinton has joined the independent candidate, Mr. Perot, in making a campaign issue out of the proposed alliance between USAir Groop Inc. and British Airways PLC. Mr. Clinton said that if he were president be would refuse to sign off on the proposed \$750 million deal because, "we get no access

to the British market if we do it."

The proposed deal between British Airways and the sixth largest U.S. carrier would link USAir's schedule to the schedule of British Airways to help increase traffic on British Airways trans-Atlantic flights. In return, British Airways would invest \$750 million in USAir, which has suffered bundreds of millions in losses. The deal requires approval by regulators on both sides of the Atlantic, as well

American Airlines Inc., United Airlines Inc., and Delta Air Lines Inc. have opposed the deal, saying that it would put other U.S. carriers at a competitive disadvantage, since their access to Britain and beyond is more limited,

Quote/Unquote

Ross Perot on the Republicans: "This is the same party that gave us Watergate, this is the same party that gave us Iran-contra, this is the same party that is up to its ears in Iraqgate now."

Away From the Hustings

The son of Nikita S. Khroshcher has applied for permanent U.S. residency, his lawyer said. The son of the former Soviet leader, Sergei N. Khrushchev, 57, has filed an application with the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service, according to his lawyer, Dan

• Fearing that Clark M. Clifford is using his poor health as an excuse to be tried oo weaker charges, the New York district attorney. popose Mr. Clifford's motion that New York State fraud charges against him be dropped in the BCCI case. Mr. Morgenthau must respond by Nov. 9 to the request filed by the 85-year-old former defense secretary that the charges against him be dismissed because he is too ill to stand trial or assist in his own

 Columbia's astronauts tested a new Canadian robotic vision system by using the space shuttle's mechanical arm to pluck a polka-dotted target panel from the payload bay. The space shuttle mission began

• Early vaccination against influenza this year was urged by the federal Centers for Disease Control, warning the 40 million to 50 million Americans in high-risk groups get their immunizations by mid-November. Dr. Louisa Chapman, a medical epidemiologist, said the impact of influenza could be less severe this year than last year, when widespread flu outbreaks began in October.

Canadian policemen in Victoria arrested a British historian, David Irving, who has contended the Holocaust did not really take place. for coming into Canada in violation of a ban oo his entry.

· Barrels of waste contaminated with high levels of the hazardous chemical dioxin were incinerated in Little Rock, Arkansas, despite environmentalists' efforts to stop the hurning. But a lawyer for groups that unsuccessfully sued to block the burning said they were pleased that the judge had ordered tests to see whether emissions contained more dioxin than lederal guidelines allow.

 An agreement has been reached between The New York Times and the New York Stereotypers Union No. 1 in connection with the opening of the newspaper's \$450 million printing plant in Edison, New Jersey, according to a spokeswoman lor The Times. The agreement, which also covers operations at the headquarters of the paper in Manhattan, faces a ratification vote by the union members. Stereotypers make the page plates for the presses.

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most populous states - California,

New York and Illinois, with 109

electoral votes. The Clinton camp appears, however, to have ceded to

Mr. Bush two others in the top

seven: Texas and Florida. Pennsylvania and Ohio both lean to Mr.

Clinton, but Mr. Bush spent a full

day in Ohio this week, and the race

Some polling analysts question how the national polls of "likely"

voters can be so close when the

Clinton margin in the big states seem so great and the Bush margins

in Texas and Florida relatively

slim. A Field Institute poll in Cali-

fornia published Friday put Mr.

Clinton at 45 percent. Mr. Bush at

On the campaign trail, the rheto-ne was hard-edged. Senator Al

Gore, the Democratic vice presi-

dential candidate, responded to the

"Ozone Man" label that Mr. Bush has pinned on him. Mr. Gore called

29 and Mr. Perot at 23.

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Wednesday, an Election Special

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Michigan. A Pittsburgh Post Gazette poli gave Mr. Clinton a seven-

Mr. Clinton's lead appears insur-mountable in three of the seven

Central Africa Vote Nullified

Agency France Presse

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point edge in Pennsylvania.

The Herald Tribune will publish a special election edition Wednesday with the latest results. The election edition will be available at newsstands in Paris, London, Brussels, Berlin, Frankfurt, Amsterdam, Geneva, Milan and a number of other major cides.



Clinton Campaign, Running Short, Seeks Loan

By Douglas Jehl Los Angeles Times Service

WASHINGTON - Bill Clinton's presidential compaign, running short of its \$55 million texpayer-financed war chest in the final days of the election, has asked the Federal Election Commission for permission to borrow money in anticipation of an expected reimbursement by the U.S. Secret Service.

Such a ruling would be a first, and President George Bush's campaign denounced the request as evidence that the Clinton team had

mismanaged public funds and was seeking an unfair late influx of cash to shore up its lead. "The FEC should deny this panicked request for relief from profligate spending by the Clinton-Gore campaign and make Bill Clinton play by the rules," said the Bush campaign manager, Fred Malek. The Clinton campaign insisted that it was

faced with no more than a temporary cash-flow problem, and attributed its difficulties to inequities that force a challenger to pay in advance the costs of Secret Service protection that an incumbent never needs to pay.

"We're not running out of money," the Clinton chief of staff, Eli Segal, said by tele-phone from the candidate's headquarters in Little Rock, Arkansas. "We're borrowing solely because we have not yet gotten our reimbursements."

Uoder the rules, any presidential candidate who accepts the \$55 million in federal campaign funds, which are generated through voluntary checkoffs on income tax returns, must abide by strict limitations on spending and fund-raising in the general election.

More Light on Bush Role in Iran Affair

WASHINGTON - President George Bush's account of his role in the Iran-contra affair was contradicted Friday in a new indictment of former Defense Secretary Caspar W. Weinberger.
The indictment, based on Mr.

Weinberger's handwritten notes, said Mr. Bush, who was then vice president, attended a meeting on Jan. 7 1986, where President Ronald Reagan and his aides discussed a swap of arms for hostages with dexter the naction is something Mr. Bush said he at the time. did not know about.

Mr. Bush has always maintained that he knew in a general sense that the Reagan White House was sendhostages were being freed from United States was engaging in thir arms-for-bostages deals.

Mr. Bush said he did not know about the arms-for-hostages trades until mid-December 1986 — after the White House was forced to dis-

close the transacoons.

The indictment, which charged Mr. Weinberger with making false statements to Congress, also re-vealed that Mr. Bush knew from the same meeting that Mr. Wein-

go with Israeli-Iranian offer to release our 5 hostages in return for sale of 4,000 TOWs to Iran by Israel — George Shultz + I opposed — Bill Casey, Ed Meese + VP l'avored

-as did Poindexter." Mr. Casey was director of Central Intelligence, Edwin Meese the attorney general and John M. Poindexter the national security adviser

Mr. Bush told The Washington Post on Aug. 6, 1987: "If I'd have sat there and heard George Shultz and Cap [Mr. Weinberger] express ing arms to Iran and that some it [opposition] strongly, maybe I hostages were being freed from would have had a stronger view. Lebanon, but did not realize the But when you don't know some-United States was engaging in thing, it's hard to react. We were not in the loop."

Mr. Bush added in the interview that he had no idea there had been anything like a "raging fight" between Mr. Shultz and Mr. Weinberger on the one hand and, on the other, top officials of the National Security Council and Mr. Casey.

Mr. Weinberger was charged in the new grand jury indictment with berger and Secretary of State one felony count of making false George P. Shultz opposed the arms statements to Congress about whether he took notes relevant to Mr. Weinberger's notes directly its investigation of the Iran-Contra

GLOOM: Potomac's 'Tension City'

(Continued from page 1) Clinton's White House transition team. (True, but that happens in every election.)

Washington fashion salons are dumping their inventories of Nancy Reagan-red and Barbara Bushblue inaugural gowns for flashier Democratie fare. (False, says Lashea Green, buyer for Clare Dratch lne, one trendy shop. She will head to Manhattan's Garment District the morning after Election Day. but the gowns she buys have no

ideological stripe, she says.)
"Be the first in the Democratic Party to have a copy of the new ELECTRONIC PLUM BOOK," screams a flier that landed this week on desks around town.

The Plum Book is the federal version of the Social Register — a

listing of the capital's most powerful jobs and, until now, the Republicans who occupy them.

CAMPAIGN: A Poll Shows One-Point Clinton Lead Noting that the president had called Mr. Gore "crazy," Mr. Clin-

in Pittsburgh,
"Crazy," he said, "is unemployment up and incomes down. It's 100,000 Americans a month losing bealth insurance. It's one in 10 Americans on food stamps "I don't want to spend the next

ton on Friday came to his defense

few days calling names," he added.
"Let Mr. Bush talk about 'clowns' and 'crazy' and 'bozo." Mr. Perot, appearing on CNN Thursday night, urged Americans to vote their consciences and not act like "programmed robots."

He said he was preparing a new 30-minute commercial that would he titled: "Deep Voodoo, Chicken Featbers and the American Dream." The ad promised a critique of the Bush economic strateessentially a low-tax path that gy —essentially a low-tax path that Mr. Bush termed "voodoo economics" when it was espoused in 1980

by Ronald Reagan. But the Perot ad also promised a critique of Mr. Clinton's record in Arkansas, where chicken processing is a major industry.

The new edition, the flyer confidently states, includes "over 8,600 federal policy and supporting positions which will become available under the new president." Eight blocks from the White House, the traffie at Star Personnel

Inc. does little to discourage that "I'm handling n resume for an assistant secretary right now," said

Karen Hillian, the staffing manag-The resume-burnishing trade

was slow through the presidential debates, she said, then began to take off this week as midlevel administration officials seriously began pondering the prospect of un-

employment.
The political appointees from cabinet members on down have very, very discreetly express interest in new jobs," said Eric Vautour, a former personnel offcial in the Nixon administration who now directs Russell Reynolds Associates, an executive-search concern in Washington.

They are stating a preference it indeed, some client has an interest in their abilities," he said. "And they're asking that no meetings take place, and no paper be forwarded, till after the election.

Most pundits say Mr. Clinton has already locked up more than the 270 electoral votes he needs to win on Tuesday. But in a bandful of polls, Mr. Clinton's insurmount-able lead has seemingly shriveled - to eight, then five, then two percentage points.

And inside the besieged Bush

Mr. Bush, a soporific campaign er all year, suddenly is his old spontaneous, slightly goofy self, spitting

camp, they are still shoring up the

fire on the stump. He rails at the northern spotted owl - "A feathery, fine-looking butle bird," he says, "but I'm also worried about those 30,000 families that might be thrown out of work." A senior official who often flies

with Mr. Bush aboard Air Force One telephones a friend. You may think I'm crazy," he said, "but I think we can win this.

contradict Mr. Bush on that point: affair. He faces trial on three false unnoticed White House document "Met with president, Shultz, statement and two perjury charges, showed that Mr. Bush endorsed a Poindexter, Bill Casey, Ed Meese, in Oval Office, President decided to of five years in prison and \$250,000 conceal the specifies of the Iran Each carries a maximum penalty Reagan administration plan to of five years in prison and \$250,000 conceal the specifies of the Iran in fines.

> The arms for hostage deal with Iran was one part of the Iran-contra scandal. The other was the ille-gal diversion of profits from the serted in public that he had urged arms transfers to Iran to purchase wespons for the anti-Communist guerrillas in Nicaragua, the con- one of several senior officials favortras. The aid was in violation of a specific prohibition.

Earlier this mouth, a previously

The document, a cable from Mr.

Poindexter, to Secretary Shultz, distration to tell the truth. The message lists Mr. Bush as

ing a "close-mouthed policy while Mr. Shultz urged disclosure," (AP, NYT)

House Bank Abuse Is Taking Its Toll

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Dozens of Incumbents Squirm With Seats No Longer 'Safe'

By Guy Gugliotta Washington Past Service CLEVELAND — Representa-

tive Mary Rose Oakar opened the debate at the City Chib of Cleve-land by accusing her congressional opponent of carpetbagging, drunk-en driving and praying to strange

gods.
"Til match my integrity with yours any day of the year!" she

Fair enough. Her Republican challenger, Martin Hoke, may not be a native of the district, may once have been a Sikh (not "some cult," as Miss Oakar would have it) and may have a bunch of traffic violations (none for drunken driving, he insists), but so what?

Miss Oakar, 52, bad 213 overdrafts at the now-defunct House Bank, making her one of the bank's 22 worst "abusers." She may be an cight-term incumbent and a West Cleveland fixture known in the neighborhoods as "Mary Rose," but the House Bank is a stigma the Ohio Democrat cannot shake. She is trailing Mr. Hoke badly in the polls and struggling to keep her candidacy slive.

She has plenty of company. Scandal plays well in any political campaign, but nothing this year has cut more deeply than bad checks. In dozens of House races, and even some Senate races, challengers are using the bank scandal to chop away at entrenched incumbents. "Safe" seats suddenly look vulnerable; vulnerable seats suddenly are up for grabs.

In Massachusetts, Peter Blute, the Republican challenger, is running ads accusing Representative Joseph D. Early of having "a terrible addiction: perkomania." Besides his 140 overdrafts at the House Bank, the ads criticize Mr. Early's attendance record, his trips (call him "Tahiti Joe") and stamp purchases at the scandal-plagued House Post Office.

Mr. Blute and Mr. Early are neck-and-neck in a state that did not have a Republican in Congress

In East Texas, Donna Peterson, a Republican, is pressing the 10term Democratic incumbent, Charles Wilson, by attacking him for 81 bad checks, globe-trotting and high living. A television spot features "Lifestyles of the Rich In-

cludes: "Good time Charley, a party animal who knows how to live it.

up on your money!"

In Pennsylvania, Paul Kilker, a novice Democrat with limited funding, is threatening Representative William F. Goodling, a Republican who had 430 overdrafts, with radio ads suggesting that Mr. Goodling is out of touch with his dietere.

Representative Barbara Boxer of California, with 143 bad checks, and Representative Les AnCoin of Oregon, who had 83 overdrafts, are running for the Senate and getting hammered almost daily by their

Republican opponents.

Mr. AuCoin is lambasted in a TV ad by Senator Bob Packwood, of-fering a game show parody called "Hypocrisy." Sample question: "This Oregon congressman bounced 83 ebecks for over \$61,000." Answer: "Who is Land AuCoin?"

And in Georgia, a tough re-elec-tion campaign for Senator Wyche Fowler Jr. has turned into a nailbiter, partly because Republicans mearthed a 1986 child-support de-position in which Mr. Fowler, then a House member, argued that the House Bank helped his monthly cash flow: "Thankfully," the depo-sion said, "we have a bink that doesn't zap me when I bounce a

What the check scandal has done, many challengers say, is open the floodgates on a torrent of voter resentment toward Congress, its perks and other shortcomings. For challengers, the House Bank fiasco - with names and numbers - is a true gift.

Slollful challengers have been able to pyramid entire campaigns on the check scandal. In suburban Atlanta, Tony Center started with the 22 overdrafts of the House Re-publican whip, Newt Gingrich, and now has a costumed "perk mon-ster" and assorted other props to maintain the pressure in a close

Republicans are returning the fa-vor in Macomb County, Michigan, north of Detroit, where Mr. Gingrich's opposite number. David Bonior, the House Democratic whip, with 76 overdrafts, is strug-ging against a Republican chal-lenger, Doug Carl.

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Alexander was born in 356 BC in Pella. Macedonia, established by his father, Philip II, as the centre of Hellenism. Nurtured on the thoughts of his tutor, Aristotle, he rose to fame as a brilliant military leader. He influenced the course of history, rightfully earning his title as Alexander the Great. In 335 BC he became Military Chief of all the Greeks. By the time of his death in 323 BC he had created an enormous empire, stretching from the Adriatic Sea to the Indias, and from the Caucasian Mountains to Egypt. He spread the Creek spirit far and wide among nations who idolised this great man.



This statue of Aphrodite came to light during archaeological digs at the ancient sacred city of Dion. Dion, at the foot of Mt Olympus, was the most important spiritual site for the Northern Creeks. playing the same role in their lives as that of the oracle at Delfi.



Thessaloniki, was martyred in 305 AD defending Christianity. He is regarded as the Patron Saint of Thessaloniki saving . the city during its difficult moments.

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Thesseloniki, the heart of Macedonia, is a modern city with 1,000,000 inhabitants. It is strategically located at the crossroads of Europe with Asia. Having spread the word at Philippi, the Aposile Paul continued his teachings in Thessaloniki. Its important moouments and relics, dating through the ages, provide lestimon to the role that the city has played us the second capital of Hellenism.



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WASHINGTON — The FBI
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· A Treasury Department spokesman, Claire Buchan, said afterward that Mrs. Villalpando "requested and was placed on administrative leave." She has not been charged.

whose signature appears on U.S. currency — is under investigation for criminal violation of federal ethics laws. The FBI is also investigating at least one official of the company allegedly involved, the sources said. FBI agents conducted simultaneous raids Wednesday in suburban Atlanta at the offices of Communications International Inc. and at Mrs. Villalpando's home in the Washington area.

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Mr. Bush nominated her in April

1989 to be treasurer. Her confirma-

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ding by his company.

In addition to Mrs. Villalpando, several employees and former employees of the company have strong ties to the Bush administration

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Mrs. Villalpando, who worked in the Reagan White House in 1980-81 in the Office of Presidential Personnel and again from 1983 to 1985. as special assistant to the president for poblic liaison, stirred controversy on the eve of the Republican National Convention in August when she raised the issue of Bill Clinton's marital fidelity.

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ion, Mia Farrow, who has accused him of sexually molesting the girl. He has denied the accusation. Mr. Allen, who also has a natural child with Farrow, co-adopted two of Miss Farrow's nine children,

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oesting spot, but for more than a year J. Stapleton Roy has occupied precisely the spot where the U.S.

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As ambassador to China, Mr. Roy is periodical-

ly scolded by the Foreign Ministry here because of disputes related to human rights, arms sales and other concerns. Chinese policemen guard the em-

bassy, intimidating some Chinese from approaching, and security agents still sometimes follow

Diplomatic homes and most parts of the embassy are assumed to be bugged, while Chinese dug tunnels run somewhere deep beneath the fenced

A mysterious windowless building, said to be the CIA station and communications center, looms

over the embassy backyard as a constant reminder

of the security concerns at the last U.S. embassy in

Mr. Roy, a 57-year-old career diplomat and fluent Chinese speaker who was born in China as

the son of missionaries, seems to relish his posting

But while Mr. Roy has proved adept at manag-

ing relations with China, these days the entire

"I have no expectations," said Mr. Roy, when

asked what would happen to him if Mr. Clinton

wins. "I'm a career diplomat, and you serve at the pleasure of the president."

opened fire on pro-democracy protesters near Tiananmen Square in June 1989, U.S. policy to-ward China has been highly politicized. Mr. Roy and other embassy officials have in effect been

spokesmen for President George Bush's policy of

constructive engagement, rejecting economic sanc-tions as counterproductive, but if Mr. Clinton

There's oo question that one of the major

consequences of Tiananmen was the shattering of

the bipartisan consensus in favor of improved relations with China," Mr. Roy acknowledged in a recent interview in his home, over coffee and brownies prepared by his household's six-member

staff. But he also suggested that some consensus

While there have been disagreements on specific questions about how we should advance our

buman rights and other objectives in China," he

wins, the embassy may have to switch course.

The problem is that ever since Chinese troops

American diplomats

embassy compound.

those Chinese he meets.

a hard-line Communist country.

BELTING - A fault line rarely makes a cozy

tant country. tant country."

Mr. Roy arrived in Beijing as ambassador only in the summer of 1991, but in some ways he seems to have spent his life preparing for the post. His first memories are of Japanese bombs exploding oear his home in Sichuan Province. And he grew up speaking the Sichuan dialect of Chinese with his

After passing most of his boyhood in China, Mr. Roy and his family were among the few Americans who remained in China for the first year after the Communist takeover in 1949.

In the fervor after "liberation," Mr. Roy learned to sing a few Chinese songs, like "The East Is Red" and "We Workers Are Strong," that are not nor-

mally part of a diplomat's repertory.

The U.S. Embassy, with 161 U.S. officers and staff members, is the largest foreign mission in China. Other Western diplomats and resident foreigners praise it for having an excellent staff and for cultivating specialists on various topics and regions.

But they also sometimes criticize it for its rapid turnover of diplomats — many stay only two years
— and for perasting in a Cold War-style disap-proval of close friendships with Chinese.

In a city where Chinese are far more likely to

despite the official pressures.

Each Sunday he escapes from the world of neckties and diplomacy by cycling through the back alleys of the capital, chatting informally with talk openly over a beer or a game of mah-jongg than in a formal meeting, diplomats from Austra-lia and several European countries have a reputation for cultivating warmer friendships with Chiembassy seems a bit disquieted about a challenge from the other side of the Pacific: the prospect of Bill Clinton's becoming president and adopting a tougher policy toward China. nese than do the Americans.

"We encourage our officers to go out and make as broad contacts as they can," Mr. Roy said. "But because this is a Communist country, we discour-

age intimacy."

For all the lingering tension, there is far less hostility in the air now than in the summer of 1989, shortly after the Tianammen crackdown. The pre-vious ambassador, James R. Lilley, was then hid-ing a famous dissident, Fang Lizhi, in the embassy's medical clinic, and Chinese troops with submachine guns patrolled outside the compound.

Fearful that the troops would invade the com-

pound, the embassy destroyed its confidential files to avoid the risk of their failing into Chinese hands. Many American diplomats then were deeply embittered by the killings of the hundreds of students, and almost overnight the atmosphere in the embassy changed from considerable optimism to deep pessimism about China.

Those diplomats who were present during the killings have long since left China, however, and now the mood has swung back to one of relative

In part, that may be because China hands tend to love China and sympathize with it, precisely the opposite of the antipathy that many Russia specialists felt for the Soviet Union.

Indonesia Questions Five-Power Pact

By Michael Richardson International Revald Tribune SINGAPORE - Indonesia, say-

ing that it wants to strengthen mutual trust and cooperation in Southeast Asia, is openly questioning whether the region's only multilateral defense pact involving out-side powers is "relevant" in the post-Cold War era.

The move is being interpreted as part of an ettempt by Indonesia to make Southeast Asian security less reliant on outside powers and to encourage Malaysia and Singapore to reconsider their external defense

UCS. The pact, known as the Five Power Defense Arrangement, was formed in 1971 and links Britain, Australia, New Zealand, Singapore and Malaysia. They agreed to engage in military training exercises and consult together in the event of an external attack against Singapore or Malaysia.

Only a few years before the pact was established. Indonesia ended an unsuccessful armed confrontation against the British-sponsored Malaysian Federation, which then included Singapore. In a recent interview, Ali Alatas.

remained at a deeper level.

the Indonesian foreign minister, said that while Indonesia did not see the pact as a threat or as something oegative to Indonesian interests, "we sometimes ask ourselves whether it is not an anachronism." · In a reference to the policy of armed confrontation, which the government of President Subarto commander put Indonesia's view in alted when it came to power in the blunter terms, saying that the exis-

long time ago."

Malaysia and Singapore have since worked closely with Indonesia, the Philippines, Thailand and cent years. Brunci in the Association of South

becoming a defense alliance, a summit meeting of the group in Singapore in January agreed to in- pact. tensify security cooperation.

Mr. Alatas did not call for dissolution of the five-power pact but; made it clear that indonesia would prefer to see it superseded by a wider network of military, intelligence and security cooperation at a bilateral or trilateral level, primarily involving Southeast Asian na-But a retired Indonesian military

Analysts said that Indonesia's region may change to one which is East Asian Nations. Although preference for indigenous security less comfortable for all of us."

ASEAN has deliberately avoided arrangements in Southeast Asia. was an important factor preventing. Brunei from joining the five-power

> But they said it was unlikely that Malaysia, Singapore, Britain, Australia or New Zealand would agree to disband the pact because thexall. derived military training and other benefits from it.
>
> Officials of the five fewer nations insisted that the pact was not directed against Indonesia.

Defense force chiefs of the fivepower nations met in Singapore last month during the major annual naval and air defense exercises held more assertive, Yeo Ning Hong, Singapore's defense minister, said

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Avoiding Word 'Maastricht,' He Urges U.K. 'Leading Role'

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The British government appealed to Parliament on Friday to support it in winning "a leading role" in Europe, defeating the Conservative rebels who are trying to sink the Maastricht Treaty on Europe, defeating the Conservative rebels who are trying to sink the Maastricht Treaty on Europe I Initial

Without actually mentioning the word "Maastricht," the government made public the text of a motion that it will put before the House of Commons next Wednesday, which calls for recognition that "the United Kingdom should play a leading role in the development of the European Community to achieve a free market in Europe, open to accession by other Europe-an democracies."

The Community had hoped to start discussions for the accession of Austria, Sweden, Finland and Switzerland early next year, but has said that this is conditional on ratification of the Maastricht treaty.

The debate next week is intended to pave the way for a bill to ratify

Some Conservatives, most of them loyal to former Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, are most likely to defy Prime Minister John Major by voting against him, and

with the opposition Labor Party. The government has only a 21seat majority in the House of Commons, which could he wiped out if as few as 11 Conservatives vote with the opposition. But the pro-European Liberal Democratic Par- legally binding and permanent opt-

support Mr. Major if he introduced a substantive motion furthering the

Despite an appeal by Mr. Major to "put aside the squabbling" and the return of some rebels to the party fold, the Conservative Party vice chairman, Tim Smith, said he

"It is going to be very tight," he

In Copenhagen, the EC affairs committee of the Danish parliament adopted a compromise that political leaders hoped would persuade voters to reverse their narrow rejection of the Maastricht treaty in

The compromise, announced earlier this week, calls for a series of opt-outs, including dispensation from monetary and economic union. Foreign Minister Uffe Ellemann-Jensen will begin a tour of European capitals next week to defend the special status that Denmark is seeking for itself.

The prime minister, Poul Schluter, predicted that the negotiations would be difficult, but that the compromise would enable Danes to accept the treaty.

In a remark that upset some Danish politicians, Jacques Delors, the president of the EC Commission, said the best Denmark could hope for without reopening the treaty was a series of interpretive declarations. This fell short of the ty, which has 20 seats, promised to out clauses sought by the Danes.

From Miyazawa, 'Humble Apologies to People'

TOKYO - Prime Minister Kiicbi Miyazawa apologized to the nation on Friday for a scandal that is splitting the governing. Liberal Democratic Party and promised that he would press for political changes.

In a policy speech on the opening of a new parliament, Mr. Miyazawa said: "Sharply aware that the current public distrust of politics is much more severe than any we have seen before, I would like to express my burnble apologies to the people." There have been accusations that political

figures were involved with organized crime." he said, "and it goes without saying that

Mr. Miyazawa said he was "unalterably resolved" to keep his promises of thorough pobtical reform.

The Sagawa scandal, which has toppled Shin Kanemaru, the Liberal Democratic Party's political kingmaker, now threatens Mr. Miyazawa's emergency economic package and therefore the survival of his year-old

The party, which does not have a majority in the upper bouse, must make sure that the supplementary budget and political reformrelated hills are passed in the 40-day session.

Mr. Kanemaru and his ally, the former prime minister Noboru Takeshita, appear in the Diet, or parliament, to testify on their roles in

Mr. Kanemaru resigned his faction post and his seat in parliament earlier this month for taking illegal donations from a former president of a trucking company who was found to have links with organized crime.

The former trucking company president reportedly told prosecutors that he had asked Susumu Ishii, the former chairman of the Inagawa-Kai crime group, to help Mr. Take-shita become prime minister. (Reuters, AFP)

was "not totally confident of vic- RUMORS: Fit of Mass Hysteria Grips French Port, and Vendetta Is Result torv."

(Continued from page 1) receiving no clear reply. Mr. Pierrot urged the crowd to calm down. Eventually, the parents

But by that evening, the story had mush roomed. Accounts began to circulate that 13 children had been found with their throats slit in the cellar of one of the high-rises; in the gym of a nearby school called La Grenze it was said that a young girl had been carved up. These stories were apparently fueled by the presence of policemen in the Bean-Marais —although in fact they had come to stop a man who was threatening suicide by jumping from a sixthfloor window.

A scapegoat for the imagined crimes was now found. Mr. Beddeleem, a former drug addict with a heavily pock-marked face, had come to Calais from Paris to live with his mother, Ma-

rie-Christine Tuent, three days before.
Having been raised in an orphanage after his Tunisian father disappeared and his mother was jailed for stealing, and then living a gangland life of petty therts and drugs in Paris, he was now seeking a new start in a new town where he would be reconciled with his mother.

But, speaking by telephone from a hiding place after being contacted by his mother, Mr. Beddeleem said his attempt to start over was brutally cut short. The day after the rumors began to circulate, be was stopped at gunpoint

in the Beau-Marais by a group of men who accused him of taking lewd photographs of their children and being a rapist.

"It was enough that my face is heavily marked for them to assume I cannot satisfy my sexual needs normally," he said. "And it was enough that my father is Tunisian for them to

start calling me a dirty Arab."
Within three days of the onset of the hysteria the situation had spun out of control. Although the area's regional newspaper, La Voix du Nord, had immediately reported that the police had found no evidence to back any of the suggested crimes, the rumors continued to in-

By Monday, Mr. Pierrot, the headmaster, said he found about 200 people outside the school, some of them with megaphones, screaming that countless children had been hurned alive and vowing to lynch Mr. Bedde-

When the police detained the young man for two days, starting that Monday and brought him to the school, there were scenes of chaos as parents harled abuse at him. But asked to describe the man who had allegedly been taking pictures, some children said he was blond, others dark; some said he was fat, others thin; some said he had blue eyes while others said be was wearing sun-glasses.

Still, his specter lurks in the Bean-Marais.

Rosine, a mother of three who refused to give her last name, insisted that a little girl had indeed had her stomach cut open in the nearby Greuze school, and that signs could still be seen in the neighborhood saying, "Blond girls and boys, I will have you."

Asked how she knew all this, she said she had been told by friends. Everyone, it seems, has been told something by friends. Mrs. Tueux, surrounded by four of her eight children in her subsidized apartment next to the school, is still besieged. Her door has twice been

hroken down. "My son Christophe was a drug addict, but he took a cure and he has no history of violence," she said. "He is innocent."

Around Calais, officials are still trying to explain the hysteria. Racist violence had been little known here, a town where there are few immigrants and most anger against foreigners is reserved for the English who pour across the channel from Dover. But in the Beau-Marais, it seems that a combination of boredom, frustration, fear, anger and shoulish television-fed fantasy had slowly built to breaking-point.

Olivier Duhamel, a sociologist at the Sor

bonne, suggested that the incident was typical of period of deep uncertainty in Europe in which people found solace by joining in hating a scapegoat. "It's an exemplary tale of a time when demons abound." he said.

Black Youth Acquitted In N.Y. Slaying of Jew

Jurors Questioned Police Credibility Despite Evidence and a Confession

New York Times Service

NEW YORK - A black teenager portrayed by his lawyer as "a sacrificial lamb" in a city afflicted with racial hatreds has been acquitted of all charges in the killing of a Hasidic scholar from Australia during three nights of violence in Crown Heights, Brooklyn, in the summer of 1991.

In a case that mirrored the estrangement of blacks and Jews and resurrected the anger and frustration of summer nights convulsed with violence, a jury in state Su-preme Court in Brooklyn cleared the defendant, Lemrick Nelson Jr., 17, of all four counts - intentional murder, murder by depraved indifference, and first- and second-degree manslaughter — in the death of Yankel Rosenbaum, 29, who was engulied by a mob of youths and stabbed to death on Aug. 19,

On that night, the police said, the defendant was arrested with a bloody knife in his pocket as he fled from the scene of the killing and was taken before the dying victim, who identified him as the what prosecutors called an over-whelming case, the police testified that Mr. Nelson was taken to a station house and confessed the stabbing to two police officers.

But the credibility of the police jury of seven women and five men ind reasonable doubt in what the defense lawyer, Arthur Lewis Jr., the entourage of the leader of the called glaring inconsistencies in po- Lubavitcher movement.

By Robert D. McFadden lice testimony, a frame-up engineered by corrupt officers, and a confession coerced from an emotionally disturbed youth under

> "The police were not honest," one juror, Norma Hall, said. The panel of six black, four Hispanic, and two white jurors, clearly exhausted after three days of intense, deliberations, made only a brief joint statement.

"It was one hell of a task," the foreman, John St. Hill, said on behalf of the panel. "It was not easy. It was very nerve racking. Based on. facts that had inconsistencies and the law given to us by the judge, we arrived at this decision." Outside the courthouse, the im-

mediate reaction to the verdict on Thursday was piercing. A small group of blacks behind one polices barricade cheered and raised their! arms in triumph. Across the way, behind another barricade, about 100 Hasidic Jews chanted an oftheard black slogan: "No justice, no

Reflecting concern by city officials over the possibility of a vio-lent reaction. Mayor David N. Dinkins appealed Thursday night for assailant and spat at him. And in calm in Crown Heights, offered les sympathy to the victim's family, and said the city was offering a-\$10,000 reward for information that might lead to arrests and other trials in the case.

The stabbing of Mr. Rosenbaum was at the heart of the case, and the occurred during disturbances touched off by the death of a black child who had been hit by a car in

INCREDIBLE: Sexy Sumoland

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around Santa Fe, New Mexico. Even as this stunner was selling nearly 1 million copies, she landed one more starring role as the innocent ingenue in one more TV sit-

The marital link with Mr. Takahanada should ensure that Miss Miyazawa will remain in the public eye long after a normal idol's brief shot at celebrity would have ended,

The 20-year-old sumo star who wrestles under the name Takahanada, which means "Field of Tall Flowers," is the hottest figure in sumo and the dream mate of millions of young Japanese women.

Mr. Takahanada, who is not in-Mr. Takahanada, who is not in- bar and karaoke that where the ordinately large in the sumo world. Dream Super Couple had been spotted on dates. Remarkably, net-

es) and 129.32 kilos (286 pounds), work cameras were allowed to tag has a pudgy face and a quiet, re-along on some of these private eveserved manner that makes him nings: prime heartthrob material. In her post-proposal press conference, Miss Miyazawa spoke for countless Japanese women: "When I see Mr. Takahanada in the ring, my heart goes pitter-patter. He's so marvel-.

Mr. Takahanada is also popular na. Naturally, the first question among men because he is currently was about the Dream Super enthe strongest native-born sumo.

In the past two years, three hage Americans have swaggered to the top of the sumo rankings, spawning some xenophobia among fans. Mr.

Isn't it incredible? I mean, I'm top of the sumo rankings, spawning some xenophobia among fans. Mr. Takahanada has emerged as the chief home-grown challenger to the ble!"

foreign wrestlers, making it almost

patriotic to root for him. Given that background, and givon this society's inordinate love of celebrity romance, it was inevitable that the Takahanada-and-Miyazawa news would dominate

Particularly on the morning news shows there seems to be no limit on stories about the Ultra Big

Couple. Not one, not two, but three networks used computer graphics to produce a likely image of the couple's first baby, the picture looked like Miss Miyazawa with much fatter cheeks. Another network ran a "News Special" tracing every sushi along on some of these private eve-

this all-star union was demonstrated perfectly by Prime Minister Kii-chi Miyazawa, no relation to the starlet. He held a press conference Wednesday to discuss the successful visit of Japan's emperor to Chi-

gagement.

The prime minister, generally considered one of the wasest and stunned! Incredible, right? Incredi-

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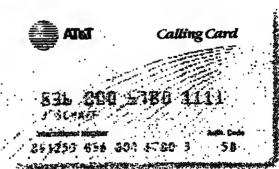
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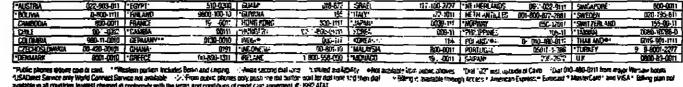


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(Continued from page 1) might have to reassess their assumptions and start looking for poisons in other types of birds. Indeed, they suggested that some birds might be brightly colored not simply as a way of attracting mates, as the standard explanation has it, but to announce to predators that they are poisonous.

"This is an excellent paper in every respect, a major discovery," said Dr. Thomas Eisner of Cornell University in Ithaca, New York, a pioneer in the study of chemical defenses in plants and insects. "It's opening up a fascinating door to the question. Are birds chemically protected more often than we realize? Is their flashy plumage some-times a warning to predators rather than sexual adornment?".

Equally surprising to researchers, the toxin in the pitchui has been seen nowhere else in nature except in the poison-dart frog a South American amphibian and the source of the toxin that many Amazonian hunters use on the tips

of their blow-darts. That two such wildly different animals, a bird and a frog, living so far apart independently evolved an identical chemical defense mechanism is a completely unexpected finding. The poison, called homo-

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lethal toxins ever discovered. The substance acts as a new toxin, disrupting the sodium balance in nerve cells and causin muscles to contract uncontrollably Among the many mysteries that scientists must now explore is why the pitchui does not itself suffer any ill effects of carrying around the neurotoxin, a puzzle that they have yet to explain for the poison-dart frog.

John P. Dumbacher, a graduate student at the University of Chicago who worked with Dr. Beehler made the discovery incidentally while studying birds of paradise in the New Guinea rain forest. The pitohuis often became entangled in paradise, and Mr. Dumbacher, while trying to free the intruders, would cut his hands. Upon licking his wounds, Mr. Dumbacher found that his mouth began to tingle

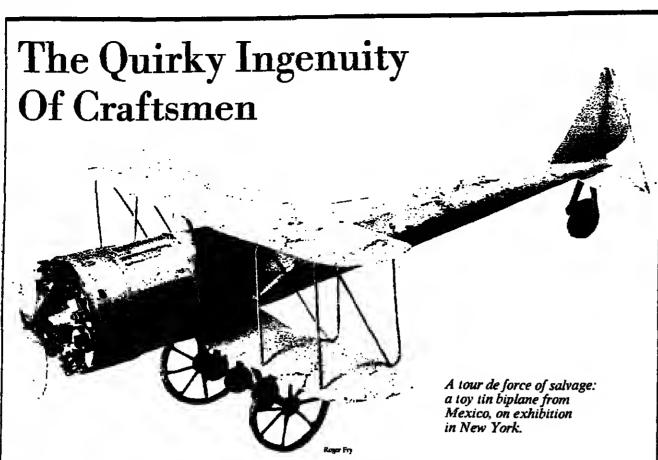
burn and turn numb. "In third grade they tell you to use all your senses to study nature." Mr. Dumbacher said. "We were moving so quickly from net to net that we ended up doing exactly

After consulting with local New Guineans, Mr. Dumbacher and others on the team learned that the fillagers knew hooded pitohuis as "rubbish birds," not to be eaten unless skinned and specially prepared. As it turned out, the parts of the bird the New Guineaus refused to eat were just those parts that

contained the neurotoxin. "They're completely familiar with their land," said Mr. Dumbacher. "They know every tree, every bird, every species in the for-

Not surprisingly, Mr. Dum-bacher has abandoned the bird of paradise and instead made the hooded pitohni the subject of his doctoral dissertation.

Among the questions he will seek to answer is where the bird gets its poison, and whether it synthesizes it entirely on its own or relies on musecus or plants in its diet to pro-



By Rita Reif

EW YORK - Today's Latin American folk arn — quirky handmade toys, colorful masks, giant carnival figures and exuberant shop signs - is among the richest in the world, reflecting the traditions of the region's colonial and ancient past.

Many historical connections can be seen in Visiones del Pueblo; The Folk Art of Laun America," an exhibition of 280 items from 17 countries at the Museum of American Folk Art through Jan. 3.

The show was never intended as a comprehensive survey of, say, 200 years of Latin American folk art. "We were mainly interested in knowing what's happening today," said Gerard C. Wertkin, the museum's current director. "That meant purchasing the material where it was being produced. You couldn't borrow it and return it with any ease. In many cases, we were dealing with craftsmen who do

Everything in the exhibition was selected by the guest curator. Marion Octtinger Jr., an anthropologist, during five trips to Latin America. Oettinger, who wrote the catalogue, is curator of folk art and Latin American art at the San Antonio Museum of Art. "Bob Bishop was concerned that exhibitions at the Museum of American Folk Art more fully reflect the changing demographics in the United States — especially the tremendous growth of the Latino population," he said.

This may be a beginning. As the show developed, it became clear that the traditional aspects of some contemporary objects would not immediately be apparent. Consequently, the parameters of the exhibition were widened to include such items. One early-20th-century, colonial-style carving is a witty bust of a quizzical man wearing a tiny hat that serves as a bank. A vast majority of the show's items were produced after World War II; nearly half were made since 1980.

Because American folk art was unknown to most of the people Oettinger met in Latin America, he brought along catalogues of the New York museum's collection. Everyone seemed to identify with American folk art, even though, he said, "Latino art is much freer in its expression."

And some of the images are wilder. To Latin Americans, for example, the jaguar has been the lord and ruler of the jungle for 3,000

Latin American folk artists raise recycling of material to a new high.

ears. Aztec warriors admired the animal for

its cunning and wore its skins in battle.
Although the use of the jaguar image was outlawed under the Spanisb during the early colonial era, it never disappeared but rather evolved into tamer motifs. This pagan symbol associated with rain, night, the underworld and fertility was merged centuries ago with Christian motifs.

The development can be seen at the entrance to the show in a tawny spotted animal mask from Guatemala with a cross painted between the inner two of its four eyes. ("Almost all Guatemalan masks have, for some inexplicable reason, two pairs of eyes," Oet-

in Latino hands, toys are marvels of recycling. The passengers peering out the win-dows of a red, white and blue bus, assembled in 1985 from tin cans, are actually magazine stographs of people's faces. And a 1965 ellow biplane is a tour de force of salvage that reuses scrap metal screws, nuts, bolts and, for the fuselage, a tin jelly mold.

Also on view is a red whirligig of a fierce-faced, pipe-smoking soldier wielding machetes in each hand. It was carved in 1990 by the folk artist Laurentino Rosa - a copy of one he originally made to attract people to his pop-corn cart in a town park in northeast Brazil.

Among the show's more memorable ob-jects are noisemakers, a Latin American specialty used at all sorts of celebrations, especially pre-Lenten carnivals and on Easter eve. when church bells remain silent. An example from Bolivia is shaped like an exotic fish, adorned with rubber fins and painted green blue and red.

Also from carnivals are five grotesque gaudily painted giant figures, "I first saw them in Antigua, Guatemala, on Christmas Eve. when a swarm of people came out of church," said Octtinger, Four 10-feot-high figures and a half-dozen others in giant papier-mache heads were in the crowd that swept down the church steps into the street procession.

Oettinger avoided souvenir items and the most popular exported crafts. He did purchase a black water pot made in Mexico by the family of Doña Rosa Real de Nieto of Oaxaca, a master craftswoman who worked

in black clay.
"It may be the most elegant form in the exhibition," Octtinger said, "And it was done without a potter's wheel."

The show, one of the museum's most ambitious, is scheduled to travel to San Antonio and five other cities through June 1994.

Creating Interiors Fit for a King

By Jean Rafferty

ARIS - If Louis XIV were looking for a decora-tor today, he would no tor today, he would no doubt apply to Gabhan O'Keeffe. The 36-year-old South African-born Irishman, who works out of a Knightsbridge terrace house in London, has drawn the attention of the international set with the opulent interiors he has created for the Parisian town house of the socialite São Schlumberger.

Schlumberger's terraced garden has splendid views of the Eiffel Tower. But, frankly, even Eiffel can't compete with what's inside.

Stepping into the vast drawing room, ablaze with color — its 7-meter-high (23-foot) ceiling gleam-ing with gold leaf — is like stepping into the throne room of the Wizard of Oz. Great swags of vividly col-ored, multipatterned curtains, a Niagara Falls of fabric, fringe, lassels and ruffs, trumpet the passage to the terrace.

The architecture of a gigantic black marble fireplace, unearthed in an Irish country manse, is echoed and exaggerated in grandiose pedimented portals. One, inset with a grill of twisted Venetian glass rods and colored balls, leads to the dining room, where a baroni-

N the salon, O'Keeffe drew the inspiration for the scrolled giltwood arms and cloven-hooved feet of two 3meter-long sofas - covered in crimson, ivory and gold silk from a pair of antique alabaster urns. Four impressive metal and marble torchères by André Du-breuil (which weigh 700 kilograms. or 1,500 pounds each) adom the center of the room. Along the walls are arrayed the canvases and sculptures of Schlumberger's contemporary art collection.

"When I saw São's place, I al-most fainted," said her longtime friend, the fashion publicist Elea-nor Lambert, who has seen many a palatial decor in her 88 years.

Seated in the intimate (by com-parison) loggia-library with brilliant emerald-green boiseries, São Schlumberger easily fills the role of leading lady on this kaleidoscopic

"Beige and white changed peo-ple's ideas of decorating," she said. "It's very easy to do a white room, But when you see Versailles, you realize everything was very colorful in those days."

fortuitous meeting with O'Keeffe, trained craftsmen includes cabinet-who was creating a jeweled set of makers, goldsmiths, silversmiths, private rooms for Princess Gloria metalworkers, stucco workers and Von Thum und Taxis in a wing of finishers. All textiles and passe-her 350-room Bavarian schloss, led to the crystallization of her visions into reality. finishers. All textiles and passe-menterie are specially designed and woven; glass is hand-blown in Mu-rano, walls underpainted in gold



Gabhan O'Keeffe and one of his sketches, this one for a Paris town house.

Music was a common bond. O'Keeffe was a prodigy concert pianist at age 7; Schumberger deems her musical soirées "a very civilized" way of entertaining. Both use musical metaphors to describe the decor. "His mind works like a symphony," she says. "All around the house, it's the same theme played in different registers."

The decorator alindes to the "symphonic textured buildup of gilded glass beads encrusted in gold metal latticework on a silk chemile

An affinity for exuberant color was another common ground. The color scheme of the salon was denived from the plumage of a golden pheasant, and the entire house, says O'Keeffe, is a reflection of the owner's personal style.

"She has a Byzantine love for color, for settings. Everything in the house is like a jewel in its set-

Although she originally set out to decorate the house by herself, a the theatrics. O'Keeffe's team of makers, goldsmiths, silversmiths, metalworkers, stucco workers and

leaf, then burnished and covered with crushed amber or other glazes. "It is like a project would be run

in the 18th century. We work just like Vanbrugh worked," says the decorator, referring to the designer of Blenheim Palace. prove, he is a virtuoso of fabric. "Ah, the workmanship,"

Schlumberger said. "For the paint-

ing of the boiseries, I don't know if they used 15 or 17 coats. In the bedroom, the marble trompe l'ocil

As those cascades of curtains

was painted on with a swan's feath-"Gabhan has an incredible

group. Most of them are very: young playing music and working until 3 A. M. Sometimes, I would have picnics with them. The atmosphere was fantastic." Reports on Schlumberger's

town house have thrown the international glossies into a competitive frenzy to be first to publish photos. Requests come daily, but so far the She is clearly having too much fun showing off her decor in a se-

ties of private viewing parties and noting the reactions - to end the drama by allowing the photographers in yet. Since she moved in about six months ago, about 500 guests have dined there. Opinion, she reports, is running about twothirds for, one-third against.
There are the enthusiasts, and

then there are the ones who hate it," she says, "It's like New York. Some people feel threatened because it's so overscale."

Outrageous? Over the top? Perhaps. But, O'Keeffe says, "These are rooms to make people happy."

Jean Rafferty is a Paris-based journalist who specializes in design and lifestyle.

West, no Madonna. She trembled

with fragility, yet befriended major figures (Josef Albers, Robert

Smithson, Carl Andre, Sol LeWitt)

who lent her heartfelt sympathy

and must have sensed her pain. She

was pretty and coquettish. She

Her afflictions were extravagant. Born a Jew in Nazi Germany,

blasted as a child by her mother's

suicide and later by a husband who

apparently deserted her, she was tortured all her life by indecision.

panying her show catalogues her miseries: "At the age of two, illness

caused Hesse to be separated from her sister when they were sent from Germany to safety in the Nether-lands. The suicide of her mother.

who jumped from a window when

up daily and to refuse to go to

school. This horrifying experience also prompted her initiation into

psychotherapy, which she would continue for much of her life."

All this illness, all this weakness, is acknowledged in her art. The piece she called "Ascension III" is an open, 30-inch-high (75-centime-

ter) cube made of steel -and lined

with thousands of shaking rubber

tendrils that seem to quiver with

Modern Art, Meret Op-penheim's fur-lined teacup of 1936.

ND clearly it's a refer-

ence to an icon of Surre-

dism in the Museum of

anxiety, or oceanic life.

sensed that she was doomed:

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From Eva Hesse, Visceral Sculpture

By Paul Richard

TASHINGTON -Eva Hesse (1936-1970) changed the possibilities of abstract modern sculpture. And she may have changed its gender. The moment that you see her somehow wounded sculptures, you have a visceral awareness that a woman made this art. All feminists, all formalists, should see her retrospec-tive at the Hirshhora Museum and

Sculpture Garden Before Eva Hesse, we barely un-derstood the maleness encasing most of abstract sculpture. Hesse saw it clearly. Wielding her vulnerability as if it were a weapon, she seized official modern art and tore off its macho skin.

Her sculpture somehow conjures an uncanny femininity. More pliable than rigid, it never pounds the viewer. Its kind of femininity is tremulous, translucent, delicate,

Yet Hesse was no weaking. She conducted her subversions in the camp of the enemy. The industrial, machined materials she employed polyester resin, latex, rope and - do not imply the girlish. Also somehow masculine are the modernist traditions - minimalism, Abstract Expressionism and Surrealism — that she extended and explored.

Hesse was a minima managed to undo the unforgiving rigors of the grid. She was a New York Abstract Expressionist — But teacups speak of tea parties, and fur is just as blatant, and blawho stripped that sort of art of its heroic posturings. She was also a Surrealist — who never bought that style's familiar men's club sexism. its view of women as sleek ma-

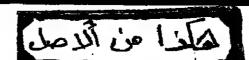
chines or manipulable toys. Hesse's objects aren't self-por-traits, and yet they hold her image. They feel like relics. A memory of martyrdom, of victory through vic-timbood, haunts Hesse's exhibition. Since her death in 1970 - of brain tumors at the age of 34 — the sculptor has become a kind of New York art world saint.

Her early death is part of it. Hesse was no brassy babe, no Mae

tancy is seldom sensed in Eva Hesse's art. Instead it often calls to mind an old interior bruise, a subfle and unshakable memory of pair Like Sylvia Plath and Frida Kahlo, Anne Sexton and Virginia Woolf, Hesse was a sufferer. Even as one smiles at her wild wit or

shares her sense of beauty, one never wholly frees oneself of that deep-set ache. "Equate feministy with mental sickness." Hesse jotted in her diary in March 1960. To be a woman is to hurt - that's one message of this art. "I must always compete with another woman and prove like my mother that I am incapable and sick," she wrote. "Is this still in my mind synonymous with feminimity?"

Such competition galled her. "I have this awful trait," she wrote. "of competing with male artists, which is to say almost everyon Then that's not bad enough —



Building a Chinese Collection Paris Museum Demonstrates Triumphs and Perils

ARIS - For the past 14 years or so, the Western market has been flooded by excavated bronzes, pottery and sculpture coming out of China via Hong Kong and Macao. They have brought some new categories and many individual works of art of a kind hitherto unknown. Western collectors, tilining a blind eye to the dubi-ous provenance of the objects taken out in breach of Chinese law and at the expense of an

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artistic heritage to which clandestine digs cause enormous damage, have bought massively. How well have museums done?

An answer of sorts is provided by "Dix années d'acquisitions an Musée Cerunschi," which opened here on Thursday and will be on until the end of February.

The Musée Cernuschi is a delightful but

small city art museum on the edge of Parc Monceau with a minimal acquisitions budget — 200,000 francs (about \$40,000) a year), Marie-Thèrèse Bobot, the curator in chief, said in an interview. Most significant purchases require canvassing private donors or the city authorities, making it difficult to buy at anc-tion, among other things.

By far the most impressive work of art in the show was bought at Drouot for 323,835 francs on Feb. 29, 1988. Unlike most other pieces acquired in the past decade it did come out of recent finds. The black limestone head, 30 centimeters (12 inches) high, has been known since 1913, when Henri d'Ardenne de Tizze, the first curator of the Musée Cernuschi, borrowed it from the countrier and art collector Jacques Doucet to include it in a show of Buddhist art. Later Ardenne de Tizac bought it for his own

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With its perfectly arched eyebrows, its expression of inner certainty and illumination that filters through down-cast eyes as a smile plays on the closed lips, the piece ranks among the masterpieces of world sculpture. It has only one close match, far better preserved, in the Stoclet collection in Brussels, which is probably from the same hand. There is some uncertainty about its period, possibly the fifth century or

The second most remarkable sculpture also belongs to a type that is not represented in the new wave of commercial excavations. A man standing with his arms crossed and his hands



Black limestone head.

tucked into the wide sleeves of his closk holds his head tilted forward. A flicker of a smile is

suggested by the modeling of the face. Even more astounding, if poorly preserved, is the wooden figure of a Tang-period horse. Probably dating from the late seventh or early eighth century, the horse is the work of a school that was first revealed to the Western public when James Lally of New York displayed a group of feminine figures in May 1990. Lally says that these lay for a couple of years in the shop of a Hong Kong dealer where no Japanese or Western specialist dared touch them, so different were they from anything known until

The New York dealer was overwhelmed and bought the lot offered to him. The standing figures of ladies of the court, some with wellpreserved remains of polychromy, were reminiscent of well-known Tang pottery figures. except that they were far more sophisticated in their sculptural handling. With Lally's seal of approval they sold like hotcakes.

A few months later, it was the turn of Gisèle Croës to show some more - which had surfaced in Hoog Kong — at the Paris 1990 International Biennale of Antique Dealers, while Jacques Barrère showed the fragmentary horse and the heavily damaged figure of a horse

Barrère sold the former to Cernuschi and gave the latter for good measure. Difficult to sell in that condition, it is of great interest in confirming the link of the horse with the school that produced the standing figures. The head of the horse tilted three quarters, the muzzle pointed down, as if listening to some slight sound, is among the most remarkable pieces of Chinese animal sculpture. If it were not missing its legs and the underside of the belly, the horse would have been targeted by the greatest institutions and private collectors.

A wooden bird in flight dating from the Han period, wings stretched behind, feathers flutter-ing, is another very fine piece that would appeal only to a few sophisticated buyers. Bobot says she is unaware of any similar piece in this medium. Also dear to her heart is a wooden horse with an exaggerated expressiveness miss-

ing its legs.

The catalogue notes that it has no known parallel. When the polychromy, relatively well-preserved, was intact it must have been rather gandy. Here one reaches the borderline separating art-historical curiosities from works of art in their own right.

That line is overstepped when it comes to a group of nine Song figures. Five of these, in theatrical postures, look like early anticipations of the little Chinamen that amused the Victorians, while four standing officials with dispro-portionately big heads have the appearance of sanctimonious gnomes. The catalogue entry emphasizes the rarity of Song funerary figures, "rarer still in this bluish white porcelain of the qingbai type." Some would rejoice that there are so few of them.

Rarity again is put forward as the guideline for the vessels and other objets d'art acquired in the decade, but the rule was clearly often dropped. A standard type of tripod vessel (so-called "ding") of the early Shang period was bought in 1983 on the ground that the type is not represented with this particular iconography. Another common type called "xian" was acquired in 1990, this time because the shape was missing in the collections.

Given its size and budget limitations, it is' difficult to see how the museum could ever get

looking for black, you'll see it everywhere, especially in the monumental works from 1913 to 1917,

where it is usually accompanied by blues, grays and browns.

Violin" in Gallery 23, a velvety in age of a hotel room shuttered against the midday sun. And toward

the end of the exhibition, Elderfield

seems to underscore its ubiquity in a gallery devoted to Matisse's bright flattened Nice pictures of the late

1930s, where black adds sparkle to

From beginning to end, in por-traits and full-length studies, wom-

en constitute Matisse's dominant

theme. They rarely achieve individ-

ual personalities - unlike Picasso

Matisse has no Fernande, Olga.

Marie-Thèrèse or Dora Maar; nor

do their arrivals or departures nec-

essarily mean stylistic changes. But

Matisse developed at least four dis-

tinct treatments of the female sub-

ject, each of which maintains a de-gree of psychological distance.

career, there are nearly abstract

nudes, variously idealized or dis-

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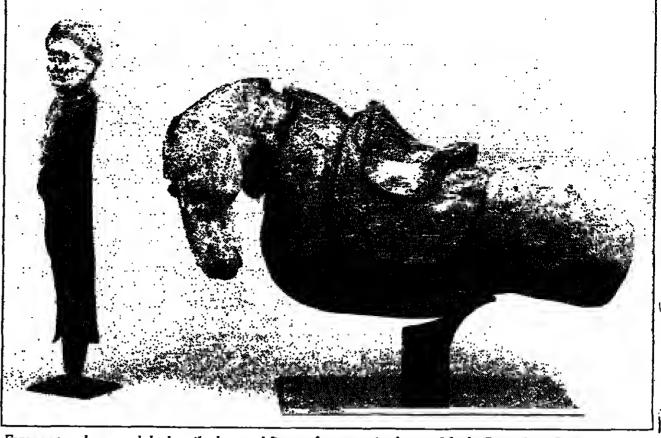
in the small study for the Fauvist

masterpiece "Luxe, Calme et Vo-lupte" of 1904, proceeds through

Especially carly and late in his

nearly every canvas.

Woman by Woman



Fragmentary horse and the heavily damaged figure of a groom in show at Musée Cernushi in Paris.

anywhere near an encyclopedic sampling of its unique. A small circular and domed vessel with areas of interest. A select anthology seems a more realistic goal.

A very fine circular flask with flat walls divided into five staggered rows of rectangular panels enclosing an abstract design precisely appears to fit that definition. The fifth or fourth century B. C. bronze is a masterpiece of architectural shape. Every now and then rarity and art coincide, as in the stunning 10th or 9th century B. C. ensign that, on close inspection, turns out to show the cut-out silhouette of a mythical animal. The ensign was on offer at the Galerie Beurdeley at 120,000 francs in 1990. Assuming, as seems probable, that the museum got a reduction on the asking price, this was a brilliant acquisition.

The ceramics are more disappointing. A pair of remarkable Han earthenware buckets with two acrobats standing on their hands, clutching the rim on each, is astonishing and apparently

three clusters of vertical slits and an open top is described as a sixth-century hand-warmer. With its ivory crackled glaze, somewhat darkened, this too is a highly sophisticated, rare piece, even if one that connoisseurs in the Far East might not approve of in view of the condinon of its glaze.

The rest, excepting perhaps a small "ding-yao" dish with an incised lottes blossom whose design has a good calligraphic flow to it, is eminently forgettable. The museum seems to have missed out on the stream of beautiful porcelain wares from the Five Dynasties to early Yuan period (10th to 14th centuries) that has come on the market, often at auction, and has been selling at very moderate prices — when the pieces are not bought in, which often

The difficulty for museum curators is that they cannot travel easily - authorizations and money are required. Few bave real experience of the market and its bag of tricks. They know little about price variations, do not see nearly as much material as a determined collector, always ready to go at a moment's notice, and are often content to bny from two or three dealers. However hardworking, they tend to lose in a ; competition against private buyers, unless a armed with enormous amounts of cash. Their frequent refusal to state the prices they paid, to which Bobot is no exception, largely conceals

Given the constraints imposed by working i-conditions and dire budgetary constraints, the Cernuschi probably did the best possible job. P Bobot's labor of love won her the sympathy of several donors and allowed her to achieve a substantial result, for which she deserves recognition. To go beyond that stage would require a drastic overhanl of the entire museum world as it operates today.

AUCTION SALES

How to Cope When an Art Show Turns Into Rush Hour

By Roberta Smith. New York Times Service

EW YORK - The large, immensely popular Matisse retrospective at the Museum of Modern Art is drawing near-capacity crowds. The museum is filled top to bot-

tom with people who are discussing everything from the French modernist and his beautiful, challeng-ing works to their aching feet and what's for dinner.

In his most frequently quoted remark, Matisse said he wanted his art to be as soothing as a comfortable armchair, but his two-floor retrospective can be as crowded as a subway platform at rush hour. These are hardly optimum viewing conditions for an exhibition of more than 400 paintings, drawings, sculp-tures and prints by an artist whose achievement, despite the armchair metaphor, is not easy to understand. Getting the most out of one's visit to Matisse is a matter of prep-

aration, focus and the flexibility to decide that any painting with a bule empty space in front of it is the one you want to look at next. Here are six strategies to consid-

er that can clarify the experience and bring out subtleties within the smoothly chronological installa-tion at the museum.

Room by Room

. It helps to think of nearly every -gallery m the Mausse show as a small, self-contained exhibition whose meaning you should resolve to your own satisfaction before moving on.
Gallery 3, one of the exhibition's

roost popular, is given over to the small sparkling canvases of the artist's breakthrough Farvist years.

Gallery 14, which focuses exclusively on the emblematic, grandly simplified nudes of 1907 and 1908, is another showstopper, with the Modern's "Dance I" and "Dance II" from the Hermitage Museum in

St. Petersburg seen side by side for the first time since they were made. the first time since they were made.

The most astounding grouping comes in Gallery 20, which brings together "The Piano Lesson."

Bathers by a River." "Portrait of Mile. Yvonne Landsberg" and "The Moroccans," all large-scale masterpieces from 1913 to 1917, Maisse's most intense period of

pictorial invention. From Quote to Quote

Matisse loved to quote himself. Throughout his career, he incorporated images of his paintings and sculptures into subsequent works, giving many of his still lifes and interiors an extra layer of illusion and autobiographical meaning

One of the first times he does it within this exhibition is "Still Life With Plaster Figure' Irom 1906, which includes both a sculpture and painting; one of the last times lis in "Large Red Interior" of 1948. rin both instances, the painting "quoted" hangs nearby.

Similarly, the small knotty sculpture of a reclining odalisque, from 1906, which appears in the exhibi-tion's fourth gallery, crops up re-pearedly in subsequent paintings in Part I Matisse seems never to tire of rendering this form, constantly sadjusting its colors, viewpoints and



distortions in a perpetual, two-dimensional process of remodeling.

Paris may long have been the cultural capital of Europe, but the French were not always the first to recognize homegrown genius.

Sometimes those at the periphery, practiced at watching the center stage, were quicker to respond.
It is well known that two wealthy, well-traveled Russians, Sergei Shchukin and Ivan Morosov, were among the first collectors to buy Matisse in depth, as the plentiful and important loans from Russia

attest. But the Scandinavians were

ERLIN - The Quedlin-

burg treasure — 10 ivory and gold artifacts — is on

The artifacts then will be

display in Berlin's Kunstgewerbe museum for six

returned to their original home in Quedlinburg cathedral in eastern

The church treasures, which date from the 8th and 10th centuries.

were stolen from their hiding place

at the bottom of a mineshaft at the

end of World War II when the

Allies occupied Nazi Germany.

not far behind, and one of the most pleasant tactics in this show is to locate the paintings lent by Danish, Finnish and Swedish museums.

Tracking the Black

Quedlinburg Treasure in Berlin

Matisse is known as the modernist who wrote the declaration of independence for color, using it in flat, radiant quantities to achieve an unprecedented visual autonomy. It's not by chance that certain colors are Matisse red or Matisse blue. But Matisse was equally, if not more so, a master of black.

He announces this most distinctly in one of the Danish paintings, "Goldfish," a 1908 still life in Gal-

Their whereabouts remained a

mystery until early 1990 when West

German cultural officials paid a

"finder's fee" of \$3 million to a

lawyer acting for an American sell-er of a ninth-century church arti-

The other Quedlinburg works were traced to a bank vault in Whi-

tewright, Texas, and it was learned

They consist of seven ornate reli-quaries, an ivory comb inlaid with gold and gems said to have be-longed to King Henry I and two jewel-encrusted Bible manuscripts.

lery 15 that is almost entirely black Close Encounters or dark charcoal, excepting the bright red fish. And once you start

One advantage of the crowded conditions at the museum is that visitors are pushed into close encounters with Matisse's paint sur-

These vary greatly but tend to-Black is also a constant in the ward openness and thinness, revealearly Nice paintings, most notably in the darkened "Interior With a ing the artist's process stroke by stroke. Matisse's taste for a star-

tlingly unfinished look, as with so many of his other tendencies, is announced early, in the thinly brushed background and sketchy details of the 1901 "Mme. Matisse in a Japa-nese Robe" (Gallery 2), His most dramatic lack of finish may be found in the fluctuating stretchedthin blues and shifting lines of the 1914 "View of Notre Dame," a work of ageless freshness.

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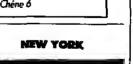
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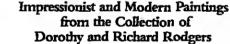
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The Danger in Russia

While America focuses on choosing a president, Russia slides toward disaster. A misguided policy of pumping rubles into state-owned factories has sent prices skyrocketing, threatening to shatter the economy and reform. The political situation is equally alarming.

While demagogues exploit ethnic con-flicts in the former Soviet republics, President Boris Yelisin and the Russian Parliament are locked in a constitutional power

struggle.
Election campaign notwithstanding. Americans have a powerful interest in the survival of a stable reformist government in Russia. But Washington's influence is evaporating fast. November will be a crucial month; if America wishes to offer a steady-

ing hand, the time is now.

Mr. Yeltsin has risked hyperinflation in an effort to head off a more immediate danger, the collapse of Russia's state-owned factories. Mostly, these dimosaurs have stayed alive only because of huge government subsidies. Reformers like Prime Minister Yegor Gaidar wanted to end the subsidies to force factories to become productive or go belly up.

But the latter would have thrown millions of Russians out of work. Mr. Yeltsin took the easy way out. He allowed the factory managers to go to the central bank for credit to par, wages and huy raw materi-

als. That, in effect, meant printing money. This politically expedient decision quickly turned economically ruinous. The issue is no longer whether Russia pursues slow or rapid economic reform. Pouring billions of rubles into an economy producing fewer

and fewer goods is sure to send prices roaring skyward, and destroy any hope of creating a market economy. What drives Mr. Yeltsin to easy money is

rough politics. Challenged by an unholy alliance of old-guard Communists, authoritarian nationalists and disgruntled military officers, Mr. Gaidar's liberals lacked the

strength to sustain their reforms.

Mr. Yeltsin broadened the governing coalition by drawing in reform-minded industrial managers. But he had to promise that they wouldn't lose control over their fac-tories. Meanwhile, nationalist demagogues have demanded military action to protect millions of ethnic Russians left behind in former Soviet republics. Mr. Yeltsin has so far held the line, arguing that military repres-sion would poison the Western good will on

which his economic strategy depends.

But with Russia's mounting economic problems and the West's waning interest, Mr. Yelisin's position has become far more difficult.

And on top of it all, he finds himself in a power struggle with the leader of Parliament, Ruslan Khasbulatov. This has already led to armed confrontations and a parliamentary challenge to freedom of

There may not be many more weeks, or days, for the U.S. government to try exert-ing constructive influence. It's probably too late to use aid to spur reform. But Washington could still give the reformers a steadying hand - and warn their opponents that America won't support ruinous economic policies or backsliding on democracy.

- THE NEW YORK TIMES.

It's All History Now

A lot of people have doubts about the may be postponed by the review board for accuracy and comprehensiveness of the official version of the John F. Kennedy assassination. That some of these are fanciful or politically inspired or bizarre does not warrant dismissing them all or simply sneering "conspiracy theory" at any mention of the and oddities that mark the story.

Spurred by the persistence of legitimate doubts, Congress acted this fall to open the assassination files to the public. On Monday, President George Bush signed that legislation, and the countdown to full revelation began. All government offices must immediately begin reviewing, identifying and preparing relevant documents.

Within 60 days, the National Archives must establish the President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection, which will receive those documents, prepare guides and indexes and develop plans for public access. Within 90 days, the president is required to appoint a five-member independent review board whose nominations will be sent, under deadline, to the Senate for confirmation. No one who is an employee of the federal government or who has been involved in any of the many assassination investigations may be appointed to the board, which has the authority to order the release of any document. There are a few exceptions. The release of documents

certain enumerated reasons such as the need to protect the identity of agents still at risk. The president has the same anthority with respect to executive branch papers

In a message released on Tuesday, President Bush interprets this provision far more broadly than the text of the law justifies, a position that will undoubtedly be contested and, if invoked, appealed.

Access to photos and X-rays taken during the autopsy would continue to be controlled by the Kennedy family.

But a troubling larger exemption for "all records and other material that have been donated to the National Archives pursuant to a deed of gift regulating access to the material" was fortunately removed before the bill was passed. These files were created in a different era. one that did not emphasize the public's right to see a wide range of government papers and one in which a shocked nation offered little objection to decisions made in the name of protecting the privacy of the murdered president's

family and close associates. By now all the information about the assassination belongs to history. The re-lease of these documents should belp to answer the many questions that persist. It is

- THE WASHINGTON POST.

Time Bomb on Court

explosive than their appointments to the Supreme Court. Considering the age of the present justices, the president elected Tuesday is likely to make several appointments, and thus determine the character of the court for a generation.

The candidates haven't much mentioned their views of the court, but these are a

crucial standard for thoughtful voters. If re-elected, George Bush says he would try to finish packing the court against Roe, vs. Wade, the decision validating abortion rights, which four members say they want to strike down.

Bill Clinton, by finding candidates he thinks will support a woman's choice, would halt that drive and turo it back.

No less important is a president's power to recast the trial and appellate courts.

The Reagan and Bush appointees are overwhelmingly conservatives - and dis-

tressingly underrepresentative of minority and women lawyers. The crusade to remake the court stalled

in 1987 when the Senate rejected the nomination of Robert Bork. Since then, the Senate's Democratic majority has forced the White House to avoid nominees who openly share his outspoken opposition to Roe or, in the case of Justice Clarence Thomas, to prompt candidates to disguise their views

long enough to get confirmed.

If re-elected, President Bush might well overcome the Senate's resistance. As governor of Arkansas, Bill Clinton joined with other New South politicians

Of all the time bombs that presidents who opposed the Bork nomination. He ar-leave behind, none are more potentially gued that Judge Bork threatened to "turn the clock back" to old battles over race an personal liberty that had frustrated the South's progress.

The stakes are even higher for the court itself. Justices Sandra Day O'Connor and Anthony Kennedy, Reagan appointees, and David Souter, a Bush appointee, have held to the Roe decision, lest their court be seen as the White House's political caprive. In similar spirit they held firm against statesponsored prayer in public schools.

Justices O'Connor and Kennedy have also held the line, at least temporarily, against further judicial rewriting of the federal habeas corpus law protecting state prison inmates.

Justice O'Connor felt the need to remind Justice Thomas that the court's job (and, according to President Bush, his passion) is to interpret the statute Congress wrote, not to make hy judicial means the changes some members of Congress had failed to enact. Something wonderful is going on. These

three conservative lawyers, appointed hy presidents with a political agenda for transforming the court, rally to defend its reputation, and by extension their own. The Bush White House shows no compunction about pursuing a coarse political agenda, which is all the more reason to prize and praise the institutional restraint and respect of Justices O'Connor, Kennedy and Souter — and all the more reason to choose a president who respects the judicial hranch enough to maintain its quality and independence.

- THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Other Comment

The Registration Surge

Voter registration figures nationwide

suggest that a surprisingly large number of Americans are at least thinking seriously about going to the polls Tuesday. If those numbers prove to accurately indicate actual turnout - as we hope they do - it would be good news indeed. Voter

turnout in presidential and other elections has been declining steadily over the last 30 years. In fact, if the trend continues, before long fewer than half of eligible voters will be going to the polls. That's not a prescription for effective democracy. That's why the prospect of a higher voter turoout this year is encouraging.

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STOP! I JUST REMEMBERED NOW, DON'T ANYONE SPEAK! HERE'S THE DEAL — I KNOW YOU'RE OUT I'M ALREADY MARRIED TO BUL CLINTON !! THERE. I HAVE REPORTS THIS CHURCH IS FULLOF NORTH VIETNAMESE, BUSH OPERATIVES!

A Disrupted Wedding

Campaign '92: Nice Break From Our Real Horrors

N EW YORK — Now that the campaign is almost over, the country owes the candidates gratitude for what Americans want so much - a vacation from the realities of national life.

IF ANYONE PRESENT SHOULD KNOW OF ANY REASON WHY THESE TWO SHOULD NOT BE

WED SPEAK NOW, OR ...

That might seem a crabby thought — after all those months when the candidates kept lecturing

"The economy, stupid," reads the sign in the office of Bill Clinton's campaign strategist. George Bush is boiling down the whole election to two words: trust and taxes. Ross Perot managed to do it in one - deficit.

The attitude surveys convinced candidates that all that Americans cared about was the economy and bow it translated into jobs. Ignore that and lose.

The surveys were probably right. So given the choice of lead, follow or get out of the way, the candidates trotted right behind the polls.

But something strange happened — all the virtuous talk and position papers on the economy had a smothering, flattening-out effect on American reality and the American memory. It homogenized the very problems that a sturdier economy was supposed to cure. That allowed them to be comfortably diminished in our mind, priorities and conscience.

In April, when Los Angeles was hurning, the country, in shock, literally prayed that this time our "leaders" would pay attention and do some-thing, do something. But look what happened, lamehrain: hy summer Los Angeles was getting footnote political attention, barely. Los Angeles was the result of economic and

By A. M. Rosenthal

racial rage. Nonsense - Los Angeles was the work of lawless hooligans looking for an excuse to riot. No — Los Angeles was the result of both.

Take your pick. But one thing is sure — everything that made for the Los Angeles riot still exists in cities around the country.

The mesmerized focus on broad-issue economics blunted the needle of national awareness that emergency social and law-enforcement action was imperative. That is dangerous.

incidentally, whatever happened to the matter of racial tensions? Democrats are pushing race relations into the background because they do not want Jesse Jackson in the foreground. Republicans don't see political capital in talking about it at all. Ross Perot is still recovering from the discovery that "you people" is not the way Afri-can-Americans prefer to be addressed.

Drugs, crime, a paralyzed justice system: candidates do put out some position papers. They don't get much attention, because they do not convey the horror.

Did anything from the candidates show they understood what "urban affairs" now means? What it is like to live in a neighborhood controlled by drug mobs and know they kill at whim or at random? Or where parents take their kids out of school to try to keep them from being shot down in the streets outside?

And which candidate or which position paper

dealt with men and women with broken minds living wandering and defecating in the streets? The political professionals pound it into our heads that the rest of the world matters zero in this

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A Chance

Of Change,

At Least

By William Pfaff

PARIS — The most important issue in the election is whether economic drift and relative industrial decline can be halted, and the United States put on a new course in which, for the first time in twelve years,

considerations of social justice will

have a serious influence on policy.

During the Reagan and Bush ad-

ministrations a doctrine of rigid mar-

ket economics and deregulation did not produced the promised redyna-

mization of the economy but dein-

dustrialization and criminal profi-teering to the advantage of foreign

teering to the advantage of foreign competitors and the disadvantage of American consumers and workers. Wages fell with skilled employment lost and poorly-paid service work substituted. Pensions and

health protection were lost in many

"restructured" companies, with over-all absolute job losses and a rise in

all absolute potential and a fise in absolute poverty and homelessness unknown since the Great Depression. All of this supposedly was to produce efficiency. In fact America's economy and industry have lost ground to its principal industrial competitors, none of whom practice this form of ideological laissez-faire, and all of whom afford their records high leads.

whom afford their people high levels

of social protection and public ame-nty. The major streets of Paris are not lined with beggars living in door-ways and cardboard boxes, as many

are in the United States. France's unemployed are sustained and re-trained. The ill in Germany are all

insured, as they are in the Nether-lands and France. These are among

the countries steadily seizing market share from American industry. The theorists who brought us such

policies still insist, against this evi-

dence, that any governmental inter-ference in the functioning of markets, or any serious attempt at wealth re-distribution, destroys a nation's eco-

nomic competitiveness. They refuse

to recognize that Germany, Japan,

and France, among other countries, successfully combine highly competi-tive industrial performances with so-

It is not, of course, fashionable to :

talk about social justice. Those who have deified the marketplace refuse to admit that a social compact must

exist within a nation, by which those

who manage and those who labor acknowledge a common interest and

mutual obligation.

This is pure theory, removed from the real world in which American

managers and stockmarkets function,

attractive to professors and newspa-per columnists who are ignorant or indifferent to the fact, evident to ev-

ery business person, that it is not the.

search for long-term success that drives American industry but the ne-

cessity to produce profitable quarter-ly stock-market results. This means

that the long-term interests of com-panies as well as of their labor forces

- and consequently of the national

economy - are systematically sacrificed to short-term profit.
This is not even good for the stock-bolders, as many of them recognize.

Both companies and the nation are

deprived of infrastructure develop-

vestment essential to their prosperity

Mr. Bush says passively, and even

plaintively, that prosperity is just around the corner, so long as we do

not interfere with market forces. In-

dustry will re-invest when it becomes

in its interest to do so. People will

come out of their cardboard boxes

and retrain themselves when they are-

provided incentives to work and the

I am not myself a great fan of Bill-

Clinton. However it is clear that he'

understands that the country can't go,

on like this (as, to be just, does Ross.

.Perot), and clear also that he under-

stands that government bears a re-

sponsibility not only for the long-

term economic interests of the nation

Active measures of social justice

will not he totally excluded from his.

legislative agenda, as they have most-

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campaign — no clout in surveys at all. Still, it is hard to believe that Americans really don't care whether the next presidency would try to prevent Bosnians from being murdered or Somali children from walking about with swollen bellies, just be-cause Bosnians and Somalis don't create jobs, except for foreign grave diggers.
Unpleasantly specific truths are not ignored —
just smoothed down, made less scary, by overgener-

alized economy talk. We are told repeatedly that unemployment is about 7.5 percent — but rarely that it is at least triple that for teen-agers in ghettos. The candidates explain that strengthening the whole economy will help us find money to deal with drugs, crime, violence, maybe even a few Bosnians and Somalis.

That's nice. But the candidates should explain something else. How do other democracies manage to have cleaner streets, safer neighborhoods and safer banks, less drugs, no guns, better medi-cal insurance, fewer wreckages of tenements and people, without waiting until the complete grand. overall, very macro, hig-picture economic problem is settled, by some unspecified superstrategy?

Maybe presidential candidates will find out. Maybe they will think city, town and neighborhood economics, as well as national.

When? In 1996, stupid.

Down to the Wire: A Question of Personal Character

Contract of the second

By Anthony Lewis

N EW YORK — At the end of what has seemed an interminable campaign, we are left with a question of character: How does George Bush live with the knowledge of his disregard for truth in politics? Even to ask the question may seem

naive, so cynical have we become about politicians. They all lie, many would say, so why should we expect President Bush's conscience to be troubled?

Yes, but. It is right to be skeptical about politicians, but surely there is a level of brazen falsehood that they should be ashamed to breach.

That point was passed by Mr. Bush when as vice president he was interviewed by David Broder of The Washington Post on Aug. 5, 1987. Mr. Broder asked about his role in the Iran-contra affair. Mr. Bush answered at length that he was not informed about it until after it ended. We were not in the loop," he said.

There is now a mountain of evidence that Mr. Bush was fully informed about the shipment of arms to Iran in return for the release of bostages. He was briefed by hoth American and Israeli intelligence. He may even have had an important operational role

Yet he goes on denying all. How does he meet the eyes of David Broder, a man of honor? How does he

live with himself? Then there is Iraq. For years Mr. Bush boosted President Saddam

D UBLIN — Ireland is on the onter fringe of Europe and feels it.
But it embodies in a small way the forces of passion and aspiranon, of

civility and cultural radiance, of hope

and distress that are swirling through

the Continent. It is a good place to

spark reflection on the issues of

change which inspire and trouble

As warm and witty hosts to the

European segment of the Trilateral Commission (which links Europe,

North America and Japan), Irish

leaders made clear last weekend how

fully they share in the big problems.

they make is the constructive side of

self-determination. These are compe-

tent, sensible people eager to cooper-

ate with neighbors and others, able to

welcome the embrace of a large, for-

ward-looking European Union because they are confident enough of

sovereignty to share it with much

more powerful states for purposes

have not forgotten a moment of it.

part of the United Kingdom, self-determination has the messy and

murderous undertones of lands much

nimity at the Dublin meeting among spokesmen for the Republic, for Brit-

ain, for Northern Protestants and

Catholics, not only condemning ter-rorism but calling for respect for the

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modern Europe.

Hussein. Despite repeated warnings

that Iraq was acquiring weapons of terror, he approved huge loan guar-antees. Even when Iraqi troops massed on Kuwait's border, he said nothing. Then when Mr. Saddam at-tacked, Mr. Bush suddenly discov-cred that he was "worse than Hiller."

On talk shows now, when he is asked about the coverup of the financing of Iraq, Mr. Bush says be was just trying to bring Iraq "into the family of nations" — and alas, the policy didn't work. The hosts do not know enough to press him on why be said nothing when Mr. Saddam massed his troops, why he did not act when warned of the arms buildup or why he continues to shield the finan-

cial maneuverers today. Cynicism has characterized Mr. Bush's career in politics for a long time. He opposed civil rights laws when he thought that position would advance him in Texas, then switched. He was for abortion, then against. He ridiculed what he called Ronald Reagan's "voodoo economics," then be-

came a fervent advocate of same. Truth has been a frequent casualty in his campaigns. In 1988 he used a picture of a waste dump elsewhere to illustrate a television ad about Boston Harbor. This time the false advertising has been wholesale.

The main thrust of the entire Bush campaign this year has been negative: a series of efforts to smear Mr. Clinton. Mr. Bush insinuated that there was something sinister in a trip Mr. Clinton made to Moscow as a

Ireland Looks Forward — and Back

By Flora Lewis

differences among people and cre-

ation of institutions to accommodate

killed and 30,000 injured in Northern

Ireland's pandemic civil war, a figure proportionately equivalent to 100,000 murdered and a million in-

jured in Britain. John Hume, leader

of the Northern Social Democratic

and Labor Party and a Catholic, pointed out that the IRA is responsi-ble for 60 percent of the ravage.

The idea that territory is more im-

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portant than people, that unity must

conflict, he said, urging his compatri-ots to "spill sweat, not blood" for the

benefit of all.

Michael McGimpsey, the Protestant spokesman, did not disagree. He said, "We want to belong to Britain hut we're proud to be Irish." He leaked be proud to be Irish." He

looked hopefully to a breakthrough in

current negotiations involving both Northern sides, London and Dublin.

retary for Northern Ireland, put the

dilemma squarely. Britain will respect the wishes of the 1.5 million

people there, where 61 percent are Protestant and 39 percent Catholic.

But the Catholics "resent being a mi-

nority in what many of them see as an artificial entity, rather than being part of the majority on a politically united island of Ireland."

That is what underlies the trouble in

Sir Patrick Mayhew, Britain's sec-

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the differences.



young man. Political types from the State Department rummaged through Mr. Clinton's passport files
— and his mother's. Mr. Bush said Mr. Clinton had written a letter condemning all the U.S. military "as immoral." There was no such letter. Do the smears work? Analysts and

must not be the answer, Garret Fitz-Gerald, former prime minister, said,

People everywhere should know

that the IRA is our number one ene-

He attributed the recent upsurge in violence to the fact that Moanmar

Gadhafi, the Libyan leader, sent four

shiploads of arms and a large quanti-ty of the powerful Czech-made plas-

tic explosive Semtex to the terrorists,

apparently in retribution for Ameri-

can planes being allowed to use their

But the prospects for settlement in

Northern Ireland are not so rosy as

the ardent wishes of the people who came to Dublin. John Hume and Mi-

chael McGimpsey are moderates, at odds with the hard-liners on each side

who keep the conflict hurning. Mod-

erates are firefighters who have to

confront willful arsonists in a land-

oppression leaves behind, in Russia and former Soviet republics, in East-

ern Europe, even in East Germany. It

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with healthy growth. Ireland offers that gloomy lesson, too. It must be

acknowledged and the effort made.

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to believe such attacks today. But they have worked in the past, and we cannot really be sure that lies have no Some people have asked me why

George Bush did not run as The President this year: with dignity, as Ger-ald Ford did in 1976, almost winning against the odds. The answer is that that has never been his style. He is by instinct a negative campaigner. George Bush is, and so is his han-dler, James A. Baker 3d. Mr. Baker is

the invisible man, avoiding responsi-Eastern Europe. It is the destructive side of self-determination. How do you define the "self"? There are mibility for this slimy campaign. But he was the manager when Willie Horton norities, and they must be considered. and the fake Boston Harbor flourished in 1988, and he is in charge now. The hands may be the hands of Esan, but Everybody agreed that fighting the voice is the voice of Jacob. The New York Times.

politakers say the public is less likely

He has indicated that be under-. stands that the United States might learn from the social policies pracniced in other and more successful, countries. I suppose that Bill Clinton may in the end prove another failure: the

evolution of interest-group politics in Washington makes it very hard to impose a serious legislative program. But the Clinton candidacy at least offers us the chance of getting back on course, and it seems to me essential to seize that chance. International Herald Tribune.

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IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1892: A Mutinous Goat

LONDON — The goat presented a few days ago to the 2nd Royal Welsh Fusiliers by the Queen, to take the place of the goat that was accidentally killed while the batterion was en trypte through the Detaction was en route through the Principality, has shown insubordinate conduct. At its first parade yesterday [Oct. 31] it refused to accompany the band, butted the drum major and charged the sergeant-major so effectually as to lay that official sprawling on the parade ground. Seeing his mutinous conduct. an officer ordered the goat placed in solitary confinement until be becomes amenable to military discipline.

1917: A Civilian Court

CINCINNATI - Members of a new organization, the White Caps, on Sunday night [Oct. 28] kidnapped Dr. Herbert S. Bigelow, leader of the People's Council of Democracy and Peace, who recently prayed for the Kaiser and "the resolute men sur-

rounding him." Disgusted with the failure of the Government to act, the White Caps took Dr. Bigelow to a lonely section of the country, where they held a court and senten to whipping in the name of the poor women and children of Belgium.

1942: Allies in Alamein CAIRO - [From our New York edi-

tion:] Allied troops hattering at the Alamein line are littering the Egyptian Desert front with burned-out Axis tanks, rounding up German prisoners and reducing gm emplacements with bayonet charges in a slow but steady advance, dispatches said tonight [Oct. 30]. Although Allied gains can be measured in hundreds of yards their air superiority is increas-ing and German Field Masshal Ewin Rommel has been unable to match the barrages of massed British Artillery. German and station casualties are piling up, but the Axis is counter-attacking and has managed to slow down the general Allied advance.

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HEALTH CARE

There is no question that Health Care ranks as one of the most important issues for overseas Americans. Persons who are not eligible for coverage by company plans must consider individual options for personal

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health coverage at age 65.
FLAAG also believes that the Social Security Administration should delegate adjudication authority to its overseas offices to speed processing of cases and it strongly supports agreements with foreign govern-ments to eliminate double Social Security cootributions. Do you have experiences that point to other changes that are oeeded?

EDUCATION

There is a need to provide educational opportunities for American children overseas generally comparable to those available in schools in the United States and to demonstrate American educational philosophy abroad in order to help further international understanding. More than 375 schools abroad have a U.S. curriculum. The budget support by the Office of Overseas Schools in the U.S. Department of State should provide a more equitable basis of support of these schools.

Other initiatives FLAAG sup-

ports, which may out require legislauon, would allow use of APO and diplomatic pouch facilities for schools to receive books and supplies, provide access to government commissaries where available and extend any tax benefits or voucher plans and in-state mition to citizens

TAXATION

Taxation is a key issue that affects all Americans around the globe and American business interests as well. FLAAG opposes the taxation of foreign-sourced earned income.

various organizations of American business interests oversear in their efforts to bring these issues to the attention of the Administration and Congress.

For instance, the American Business Council of the Gulf Countries persuaded Coogress to provide matching funds for a pilot program involving American participation to develop product standards. The result was that American companies were not excluded from competition under the guise of standards setting. Do you have other examples of the need for improving coordination. funding or policies for Americans to compete on an equitable basis in a global economy?



Americans overseas participate in their democracy this year by posting an absentee ballot. They now look to their elected officials to address their concerns,

FLAAG is undertaking a detailed study of this area in conjunction with some of its organizational members and with the congressional oversight committees and the U.S. Treasury Department. It is extremely difficult for Americans around the globe to obtain adequate information about the complex American tax laws even if they pay substantial fees for professional advice. FLAAG and MCI believe the issue of taxation is of such importance to overseas Americans that we will devote an entire future issue to this subject. Your questions and concerns will be taken into account when preparing it.

BUSINESS COMPETITIVENESS

U.S. tax and other laws make it more expensive for American workers and American businesses overseas to compete in a global economy. FLAAG has been supporting the

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The Department of State has been developing and improving its warden system to disseminate critical informatioo to overseas American communities. This program should be expedited and Americans overseas informed of what to do in crisis situations, Military contingency plans should be coordinated with overseas American communities.

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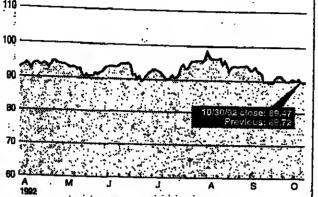
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ECONOMIC SCENE

Political Sniping Wings Japan's Recovery Package

By Steven Brull ional Herald Tribuni

OKYO - Despite the cohesion that reputedly underlies Japan's economic success, political infighting raging in the governing party's largest faction is likely to hamper efforts to give the economy a further fiscal joit that economists say is badly needed. As a result, Japan's economic recovery will be postponed, the global economy will suffer and Tokyo's trade surplus will swell to record levels near \$130 billion this year,

"It can't be helped," said Takamitsu Sawa, professor of economics at Kyoto University. "The economy will have to be sacrificed a bit in order to reform the Japa-

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nese political system." Such is the logic driving opposition legislators, who at Friday's opening of the Diet session said they would put priority not bit for reform. on passage of the supplementary budget containing trillions of

yen in public works spending, but on pushing political reform and getting Liberal Democratic Party leaders to testify under oath about their role in the Sagawa Kyubin scandal.

Although some have argued that the asset deflation ailing the Japanese economy is immune to Keynesian remedies, the discord at a minimum undermines confidence in the government. The risk is particularly keen in the stock market, where many investors have been hoping that government measures would see the economy through a tough time.

"The worry is that people placed a lot of faith in the government being able to form a common front and advancing policy," said Geoffrey Barker, economist at Baring Securities in Tokyo. "Now all this is threatened, yet much more is needed."

Passage of the supplementary budget, which contains 2.07 trillion yen (\$16.8 billion) in public-works spending outlined in August's much trumpeted comprehensive financial rescue package, could be delayed as much as a month. Efforts to plan additional fiscal spending or consider tax cuts desired by industry will also be delayed. Economists have criticized August's comprehensive eco-

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U.S. and EC Face Off Again

Election-Eve Effort to Rescue Trade Talks

By Tom Redburn onol Herald Tribuni

PARIS -- In an election-eve bid to clear the last important roadblock to a world trade agreement. officials announced Friday that senior negotiators from the United States and the European Community would meet starting on Sunday in Chicago to try to complete a deal to curb farm subsidies.

But major political obstacles on both sides still stand in the way of a final compromise. EC officials are limited by French fears that any agreement would barm their farmers, while the U.S. government may not be in a position to stand behind a potential trade deal if President George Bush is defeated for re-

election on Tuesday.

Brussels and Washington are "as close as we've ever been," an EC official said, "but I'd still say the chances are only 50-50 that we will reach agreement." Ray MacSharry, the EC farm commissioner, plans to fly this weekend to Chicago, where he is scheduled to have dinner on Sunday evening with Edward Madi-

gan, the U.S. secretary of agriculture, before sitting down for more formal negotiations on Monday.

European officials said they were counting on the Bush administration to make further last-minute concessions to clinch an agreement m advance of the presidential election. Some contend that Mr. Bush may be so desperate to wave the banner of a GATT agreement before American voters that he will agree to almost any European position to elinch the deal.

A U.S. trade official, however, cautioned that EC negotiators may be misinterpreting Washington's re-cent flexibility and said Europeans were vastly overes-timating the importance of the trade talks in swaying

"There really isn't any election pressure from our side," said the official, who spoke only on condition he not he identified. "I hope they are not misreading how much room we have for maneuver.

Mr. Madigan, a spokesman for the Department of Agriculture said, "is under orders to ignore the elec-tion date," adding: "We have gone about as far as we can go. We're hoping that in a face-to-face meeting, we can reach an accommodation with the EC.

Despite continued mid-level negotiations by telephone and fax, Brussels and Washington have still not closed the final narrow gap between them over the U.S. demand that the Community accept specific limits on the volume of its subsidized grain exports.

Washington bad been seeking an across-the-board 24 percent cut in EC grain exports, but recently presented a complex new formula that would amount to an effective 22 percent reduction.

EC negotiators are still seeking the right to shift cuts from one farm product to another, a flexibility that American officials contend could allow European farmers to avoid reducing subsidized exports that unfairly underent more efficient producers elsewhere. The two sides also remain at odds over Washington's insistence that the Community limit its production of oilseeds,

Major political obstacles on both sides still stand in the way of a final compromise.

which is heavily subsidized and, according to a GATT ruling, has sharply cut into U.S. soybean exports.

Negotiators were close to an agreement last week until the Community backed away from some of its previous positions, prompting the chief U.S. bargainer in walk out of the talks. European negotiators say they cannot go beyond the reductions in farm subsidies agreed to earlier this year as part of a major overhaul the EC Common Agricultural Program.

Meanwhile, French officials maintain that any agree-ment reached before the U.S. election would be tainted. They want to delay any final deal until after French mentary elections that must be held by March. If the trade talks collapse, Washington has threatened to impose as much as \$1 hillion in punitive tariffs on EC exports to compensate for American losses. The

move would almost certainly spark retaliation by the Community, leading to a trans-Atlantic trade war. The messy Washington-Brussels food fight has re-peatedly stalled the six-year-old Uruguay Round trade negotiations, an ambitious effort to bring services, investment, farming, and protection for intellec-tual property under new global rules.

A new trade agreement, analysts estimate, could provide a positive jolt to the ailing global economy and eventually would lead to more than \$100 billion in extra economic activity worldwide.

Japan Bank Woes Grow

By James Sterngold New York Times Service

TOKYO - Just months after the finance minister announced a series of emergency measures to rescue Japan's troubled finan-cial system from "the most severe conditions since the war," the government reported Friday that bad loans at major banks had soared more than 50 percent in the past six months and would

The banks also announced Friday a long-awaited plan for help-ing ailing financial institutions write off tens of billions of dollars in failed real estate loans, but many analysts dismissed the plan as inadequate given the growing dimensions of the problem.

If the announcements were intended to restore confidence, they appear in have come up short and left analysts concluding that Japanese banks are unlikely to be strengthened enough to resume their role as major lenders from Tokyo to London and New York anytime soon.

The analysts were nearly unanimous in saying that the Finance Ministry was still underestimating the depth of the problems at Japan's banks, battered hy a severe drop in property and stock prices over the past three years and reckless lending practices. Many added that the message from Friday's announcements was that Japanese taxpayers would ultimately have to bear far more of the cost of rescuing the shaken financial industry than the government has

This proposal is not the complete picture," said Akio Mikuni, president of Mikuni & Co., a credit rating agency. "It's just the start of the process of creating a

Even as the stock market lost more than \$3 trillion in value and the economy slid into a severe slowdown, Finance Ministry officials denied for two years that any sort of bailout for banks was necessary. They finally acted in Angust when the stock market plummeted to a six-year low and after signs began to appear that the failure of ailing banks to make new loans was suffing an

aiready weak Japanese economy On Aug. 18 the finance minister, Tsutomu Hata, announced the outlines of an emergency package. Among its elements were the bailout plan announced Friday, and some accounting rule changes that permitted banks to refrain from informing the public of certain losses they

were suffering. But Friday's clarifications of that plan did little to belp the credibility of either the government or the banking industry. since lying just beneath the sur-face were contradictions and financial sleight of hand that left some analysis troubled.

For instance, the Finance Ministry said that as of Sept. 30 the country's 21 major banks had 12.3 trillion yen, or \$100 billion at current exchange rates, in loans on which no interest had been paid for the past six months, a big increase from \$65 hillion at the end of March. But most analysts said that they believed if loans being supported artificially were added, the figure was prohably closer to \$244 billion.

The government insisted the bank bailout plan would use not a

lysts pointed out that the write-off olan would provide banks billions of dollars in tax breaks to help them absorb the costs.

In addition, the bailout plan is designed so that banks will sell bad real estate loans to a new corporation they will form col-lectively. But the banks will still be responsible for all gains and losses on those loans even after they are "sold," prompting analysts to call these transactions

examples of paper shuffling. The key in the whole scheme is the tax advantages," said Ynkio Noguchi, a professor of economics at Hitotsubashi Univer-sity in Tokyo. "The banks have ohtained a tax benefit, a huge benefit, and that is what they are

relying on."

Although they were said to have understated the amount of bad loans, the figures from the Finance Ministry showed some alarming trends in the deterioration in banks' loan portfolios.

As of Sept. 30, the ministry reported, loans on which no interest payments had been made for six months or more came to 12.3 trillion yen, a 54 percent increase from March 31. Of that amount, 4 trillion yen is expected to be a total loss.

Analysis doubted those numbers for several reasons. One is that if a borrower makes just one payment in six months, the loan is no longer considered nonperforming, as they are known, Thus some loans might be considered current without receiving regular interest payments.

In addition, banks have been forced over the past year to make See BANKS, Page 12

Reed, Elsevier Revise Merger Pact

LONDON — The publishers Reed Inter-national PLC of Britain and Elsevier NV of the Netherlands on Friday revised the terms of their merger to take account of the pound's sharp fall since the deal was announced. Under the new terms, both will still have equal shares in the businesses they are merging. But Reed now gets a stake of about 5.8

percent in Elsevier, instead of the 11.5 percent first envisaged.

When the companies announced the plan on Sept. 17, they said the suspension of the pound's membership of the European exchange-rate mechanism the day before would probably mean a revision of the terms. Since then, the pound has fallen to about 2.71 guilders, from about 3.10.

Publishing analysts welcomed the news that turnoil in currency markets had not scuppered the merger. This is such a good deal it would've been a shame if it had been ruined by currency fluctuations," said Vig-nesh Padiachy of Barclays de Zoete Wedd. Shares in both companies rose, with Else-

vier's stock gaining 4.5 percent in Amsterdam to 115 guilders and Reed moving up less than I percent to 580 pence in London.
Under the terms of the merger, scheduled to take effect Jan. 1 if stockholders approve, Elsevier's parity price is about 118 guilders, meaning Elsevier's share price in Amsterdam is undervalued, analysts said.

By Nathaniel C. Nash

New York Times Service

to stem an alarming trade deficit,

the Argentine government has an-

nounced a series of tax measures

intended to stimulate exports of

goods and reduce the flow of im-

The plan amounts to a devalua-

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peso, which many have argued is

It was also a partial reversal of Economy Minister Domingo F. Cavallo's market deregulation plan, introduced in March 1991.

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"The size of the indirect stake doesn't fully compensate the drop in the pound, yet it's still an excellent deal for Dutch shareholders." said Weigert Verstoep, analyst at Pier-

son, Heldring & Pierson.

If the pound devaluation had been taken fully into consideration, then Reed's indirect stake in Elsevier ought to have been around 3

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to 3.5 percent, said Wijnand Heineken, analyst at Bank Mees & Hoop in Amsterdam.
But another analyst, Andre Moons at CLN Oyens & Van Eeghen, noted: "Because a large part of Reed's profits is in dollars and Far Eastern currencies, it's only logical that the drop in sterling was not the only factor influencing the merger terms."

Analysts see the merger as a good deal for both sides. For Reed, which has a spread of consumer and business publishing opera-tions, it is expected to bring a broader base

Argentine Tax Plan Aimed at Trade Gap

toward the days of government meddling in the markets.

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the interventionist Cavallo, and I

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Brods, an independent economist.

The package of export-promo-

day night, addresses a rising con-cern in developing economies like Argentina's. A robust export sector

is viewed as critical to long-term

growth, and when domestic mar-kets are opened to foreign competi-

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For years, Argentina's vast grain

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for revenue with less emphasis on cyclical consumer publishing. For Elsevier, a kingpin in the highly profit-

able field of scientific publishing, the merger will allow expansion into other markets. Analysts who follow Reed were also encouraged by its first-half results, announced along with the merger terms. Its pretax profit for the six months to Sept. 30 was up 10 percent, at £94 million (\$147 million), better than market forecasts, despite a slight fall in

revenue to £758.6 million. Reed's finance director, Nigel Stapleton, said despite lower spending on advertising, consumer publishing raised operating profit 60 percent and business publishing was up 13.2 percent.

He said the company was now slightly more optimistic about prospects for the British economy but wary about the outlook for U.S. business confidence after Tuesday's

presidential election. Reed said it raised its interim dividend 5

percent to 5.5 pence per share. The merger terms showed Reed kept to its forecast for calendar 1992 pretax profit of at least £239 million on revenue of £1.7 billion.

Elsevier has also kept in its forecast, made when the merger was announced last month, of a 1992 pretax profit of not less than 594 million guilders (\$343.7 million) on revenue

of about 2.5 billion guilders.

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ed that Argentina would have a positive trade balance next year.

Britain's New Policy All Right by Markets By Erik Ipsen

LONDON - Little news was seen as good news on Friday as the'e pound firmed after an overnight plunge and the stock market rose-following the chancellor of the Exchequer's annual address to their financial community.

The chancellor, Norman Lamout, "didn't really give us that much? more to go on in assessing economic policy," said Keith Wade, aneconomist with Schroder Economics.

By reaffirming in his Thursday night speech the government's new commitment to spurring economic growth and by promising a slightly more open decision-making process at the Treasury, Mr. Lamont managed to win at least tepid support from British businessmen and the markets. His comments confirmed that interest-rate cuts are on the way, a

prospect that triggered the overnight run on the pound but also helped hnov the London stock market. In late London trading, the pound was at 24110 Deutsche marks and \$1.5625, after dipping below 240 DM and to \$1.5575 earlier. It had ended Thursday at 2.4155 DM and \$1.5755.

The FT-SE 100 index closed 16 points up at 2,658.3 but could not regain the previous week's close of 2,669.7. The European component of the International Herald Trihune World Stock Index fell 0.12 percent.

Andrew Sentance, chief economist for the Confederation of British Industry, said he liked what he heard Thursday night but what had undermined confidence had not been speeches as much as events. "For confidence to be rebuilt we have to see government policy moving in the direction the chancellor's speech is indicating," Mr. Sentance insisted. Those who had hoped that the chancellor would finally announce firm

targets for the raft of economic indicators he has acknowledged as useful m setting policy were again disappointed. Some economists noted, however, that for all the criticism of Mr. Lamont's scantily detailed economic policies, the markets have taken a benign view of the situation. The big question is how far Mr. Lamoni will now push interest rates lower. A cut of an additional percentage point is widely expected by the time of the Chancellor's autumn statement on Nov. 12.

That the economy needs further stimulus was underlined with the release of the Treasury's survey of 22 economic forecasts. In October, the average forecast saw the economy growing by just 1.4 percent next year, a decline in the expected rate of 20 percent from forecasts a month earlier.

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WASHINGTON - Sales of new homes in the United States fell 1.0 percent in September, the first drop in five months despite the lowest mortgage rates in nearly two decades, the government said Friday.

The Departments of Commerce and Housing and Urban Develop-ment said sales totaled 617,000 at a seasonally adjusted annual rate in September, down from a sharply upward-revised rate of 623,000 a month earlier. August sales, which advanced

1.6 percent, originally were esti-mated to have fallen 6.1 percent. The September decline occurred despite mortgage rates that dropped to 7.84 percent during the week ended Sept. 11, the lowest since 7.76 percent on June 29, 1973, according to a survey by the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp. Sales for the first nine months of 1992 were 20.2 percent above those

of the same period last year.

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Hesitant Investors Trade Stocks Down

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches
NEW YORK - Skittishness hout the presidential election from U.S. stocks lower Friday. "People are cleaning up the books ahead of the election," said John Schraff, a trader at Daiwa securities America. "It's getting ം close to cail."

MARKET DIARY

The Dow Jones industrial averse dropped 19.99 to 3,226.28.

N.Y. Stocks landard & Poor's 500 declined

9 to 418.67. Advancers and decliners were bout even on the New York Stock achange. Trading totaled about 48 million shares.

The latest Newsweek/Gallup poli likely voters showed President corge Bush trailing Bill Clinton by percent to 41 percent, a smaller than in previous surveys.

Behind Friday's decline, said ack Solomon, a market analyst at ear Stearns, lurk fears that 'maythe wrong stocks have been ught on the absolutely conclue view that Clinton is in.

John Blair, head trader at County NatWest, said it was possible the prospect of a Bush victory upset some investors by raising the expec-tation of "four more years of gridlock" with B Democratic Congress.

Oil stocks, bowever, were hit by worries that a Clinton victory may lead to negotations to remstate Iraq as an oil exporter, thereby increasing supply and depressing prices, traders said.

Triton Energy, down 2 to 3612, lost more ground after British Petroleum released an estimate of its Cusiana oil find in Colombia that was less than analysts had expected.

Glaxo ADRs fell 4: to 25 after The Lancet said three American doctors linked the company's drug Zofran, which treats nausea caused by cancer chemotherapy, to two deaths and one heart attack.

Intel rose 1 to 67%, and Advanced Micro Devices rose is to 1612. A federal magistrate granted AMD's motion to stay Intel's federal 386 copyright infringement lawsuit in the California court sys-

Pre-Election Positioning Lets the Dollar Edge Up

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches NEW YORK - The doilar endd higher Friday in cautious tradng against major foreign currenes, with players protecting their resitions ahead of next week's residential election.

Robert A. Brusca, chief econonist for Nikko Securities Co., noti. 'The dollar ended firmer, espeally against the German mark. By the New York close, the dol-ir had risen to 1,5425 Deutsche narks from 1,5378 Thursday, and

123,40 yen from 123,245. The dollar gained against the swiss franc, to 1.3755 francs from 1.3730, and against the French franc. to 5.239 francs from 5.214. The pound fell to \$1.5562 from

Mr. Brusca said a combination edd-of-month position squaring and the national election next fuesday "led players to fidy up

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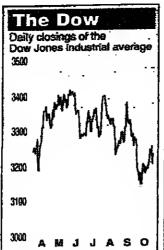
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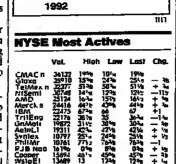
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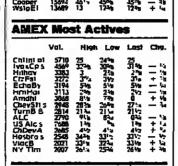
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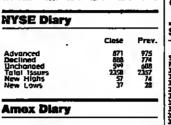
The market has been banking on a Clinton victory since it assumes this will lead to higher government spending, higher inflation, higher interest rates and thus a higher dollar.

Analysis noted the market was likely to be very volatile next week as not only was the presidential election on Tuesday, but a whole host of economic numbers were due out, culminating in the Octoher employment report on Friday. (UPI, Reuters)





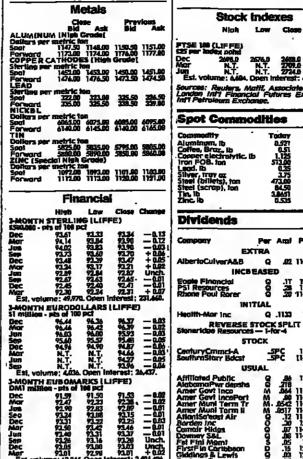


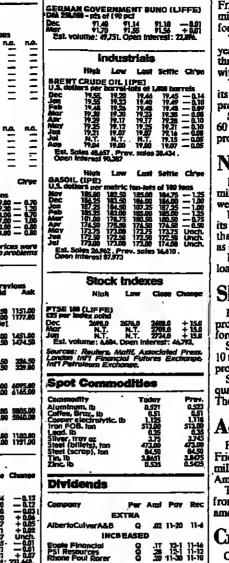


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Macy Hit by Loss of \$1.25 Billion NEW YORK (Combined Dispatches) - R. H. Macy & Co. posted

NEW YORK (Combined Dispatches) — R. H. Macy & Co. posted Friday an operating loss of \$263 million plus a one-time charge of \$988 million from Chapter 11 proceedings, making a net loss of \$1.25 billion for its financial year that ended Aug 1.

The losses showed a considerable deterioration from the shortfall a year ago of \$150 million from operations. Macy's fourth quarter, May through August, ended with a net loss of \$198.5 million, which compared with a loss of \$72.3 million a year ago.

The company said it would present a detailed five-year business plan to

with a loss of \$72.3 million a year ago.

The company said it would present a detailed five-year business plan to its creditors next week. Macy said the plan would contain financial projections, current figures and operating plans.

Separately, Ames Department Stores announced Friday it would close 60 stores in 12 states as part of its new plan to emerge from bankruptcy protection. It has already closed 313 stores.

(Reuters, AP):

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Northwest Draws Last Credit Lines

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) - Northwest Airlines has exhausted its \$600. million line of credit in the past year, drawing the last \$107 million last, week, the company's treasurer said in a letter to bankers. Northwest's treasurer, Joseph Francht Jr., said the airline needed to taplits remaining credit to convince the 26,000-member union of machinists that it was in a strong position, presumably to withstand any job action,

as it negotiates for concessions. Mr. Francht also said the airline might sell some assets to prepay other. loans, but was not specific.

Shell Oil Plans to Cut Staff by 20%

HOUSTON (Reuters) — Shell Oil Co. on Friday reported a small profit for the third quarter and said tough times in the industry would, force it to cut its staff by more than 6,000.

Shell said it would slash its U.S. work force by 20 percent rather than by

10 to 15 percent as previously announced. The company made a \$28 million profit in the third quarter, compared with a \$14 million loss a year ago.

Separately, Sun Co. said that it had a loss of \$320 million in the latest quarter and that it was ending its overseas search for oil and natural gas. The loss compared with a loss of \$436 million a year ago.

Aetna Profit Soars From Sale of Unit

HARTFORD, Connecticut (UPI) — Aetna Life & Casualty reported Friday that its third-quarter earnings climbed 107 percent, to \$238.7 million. The results included a gain of \$78 million from the sale of American Re-Insurance.

The third-quarter results also included \$29 million in losses stemming from Hurricane Andrew. A year ago, the category of catastrophic losses amounted to \$6 million.

Crédit Lyonnais Sued by Parretti

ORVIETO, Italy (AP) - The Italian financier Giancarlo Parretti announced on Friday a lawsuit against Credit Lyonnais, asserting that the French bank had deliberately run MGM Pathe Communications Co. to the

verge of bankruptcy in order to take control of the studio from him.

At a news conference, Mr. Parretti said the studio from billion lire (\$339.7 million) in damages and asked that the bank's shares in MGM be seized. Credit Lyonnais, Mr. Parretti's main backer in his \$1.3 billion takeover of MGM in 1990, won control of the studios in a court decision in Delaware in February.

For the Record

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The U.S. Commerce Department said that China was selling ferrosili-con, a product used in making steel, at below-market prices in the United States and that a ruling on dumping charges would be made by Jan. 2

Westinghouse Electric Corp. has been targeted by a shareholders group seeking measures that would require an independent committee to assess

BANKS: Bad Loans Soar in Japan, and Bailout Plan Seems Inadequate

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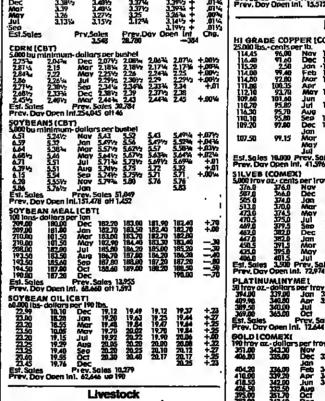
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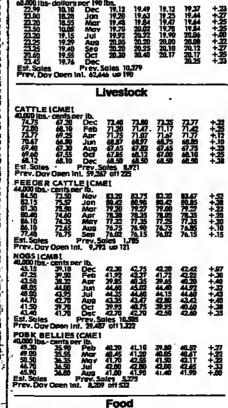
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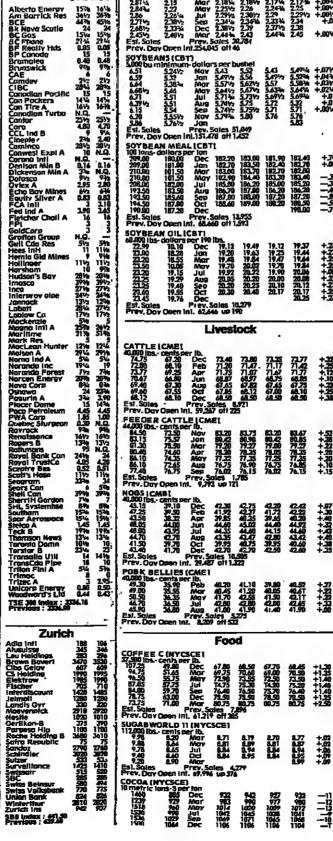
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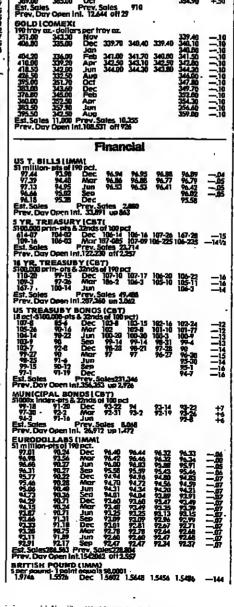






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Porsche's Ideas Unit Still a Bright Spot

By Brandon Mitchener

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FRANKFURT — When their automobiles aren't selling well, companies like Germany's Porsche AG are happy to have something else to rely upon.

Indeed, analysts say the huxury sports-car maker's Weissach-based Porsche Engineer ing Services unit is a rare ray of hope in a balance sheet otherwise dimmed by negative numbers.

The idea factory, known as Weissach, has put its stamp on a variety of products including Airbus jet cockpits, typhoon-proof beach umbrellas and motorcycle helmets. It is also responsible for the design of the latest Porsche, the 968, and the next two models, due in the mid-1990s. Weissach engineers take credit for almost every feature of a Porsche, from axle to aerial.

But about one-third of the unit's revenues result from outside projects, and as the company's — and its competitors' — automotive less slows, those odd jobs are becomin critically important.

Porsche Design, which engineers consumer goods such as sunglasses and televisions bearing the famous name, is based in Austria and independently owned by another member of Porsche has never released separate reve-nue and profit figures for Weissach, but com-pany officials said the design center remained "remarkably" profitable just when the automobile business in general was not.

Independent analysts estimate that Weissach's revenue fell last year to about 100 million Deutsche marks (\$64.9 million), from

Porsche could always say, 'At least we have Weissach.' Now that cushion may be in jeopardy.

an expected 200 million DM. The vast majority of design projects at the center are auto-mobile-related and have been caught in that

industry's global tailspin.
"Weissach has also seen orders fall," said Udo Lahm, a spokesman for the Stuttgart-based Porsche. "Nevertheless, it is making a profit," he said.

The same cannot be said for cars. Porsche on Wednesday reported it had swing to a

financial year ended July 31, as revenue fell 13 percent to 2.7 billion DM. Unit car sales also fell 13 percent, to 23,060 worldwide.

Joachim Bernsdorff, an automotive-sector analyst at Bank Julius Bar in Frankfurt, said that the profit margin at Weissach used to be "easily 30 percent," making it Porsche's most profitable division, ahead of spare parts.

Porsche once even hoped to finance its mainstay automobile production through 1995 with revenue from the design center, Mr. Bernsdorff said.

"They could always say, 'At least we have Weissach,' "he said. Now even that cushion is in jeopardy as foreign automakers, whose sales are equally miserable, cancel orders at Weissach he said.

The design studio has its own offices in Tokyo and Detroit, and Mr. Lahm said the company was redoubling its efforts to attract outside contracts.

It is perhaps a good indicator of Weissach's importance that it has been relatively insulated from personnel cuts. Porsche has announced plans to reduce its overall psyroll by 1,850, or 22 percent, by the end of its current financial year, but planned cuts at Weissach will total at most 350, or 17 percent of the unit's 2,050 workers.

Bonn Plans to Borrow An Extra 6 Billion DM

have to borrow more money next year to brake a widening of the budget deficit caused by failing tax revenues and rising spending in Eastern Germany.

The political opposition shot back that more borrowing would make it harder for the Bundesbank to cut Germany's exipplingly high interest rates.
Finance Minister Theo Waigel

said in a newspaper interview that a decision on further borrowing of the population," one coalition would be made after a revised estimate of 1993 tax income was published on Nov. 10. But ministers have already ac-

knowledged that revenue will be lower because of a slowdown in West German economic growth. Sources in the ruling coalition said leaders of the three parties in Chancellor Helmat Kohl's government had agreed on Thursday night that the government would borrow an extra 6 billion to 8 bil-

billioo) in 1993. The opposition Social Democrats said they were astonished at how the government had decided overnight to raise borrowing after previously insisting that the state

tion Deutsche marks (\$3.9 to \$5.2

could not go deeper into debt. One key reason for Germany's 2.5 percent persistently high interest rates has four years.

analyst said.

Unions Urge Governments

To Act on Unemployment

Compiled by Our Stuff From Dispatches PARIS — Industrial countries face the prospect of nearly 34 million people onemployed by the first half of 1994 unless governments step in to check the trend toward joblessness, labor union

experts said on Friday.

Unless something is done by governments to secure a significant

economic recovery, memployment might be touching 33 to 34 million" within the next 18 months in the 24 countries of the

Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, one

The Trade Union Advisory Committee, a consultative body repre

senting over 60 million union-affiliated workers in the OECD

countries, plans to urge the need for coordinated government action

to bolster growth at a meeting with the OECD council in two weeks.

seasonally adjusted, to 2,910,500 in September, the Labor Ministry said Friday. The unemployment rate rose to 10.3 percent from 10.2.

The OECD's secretary-general, Jean-Clande Paye, recently set unemployment in the OECD area at more than 30 million, excluding

those too discouraged to keep looking for work, as well as people in

nonpermanent part-time jobs or taking part in retraining programs. The OECD last June foresaw a jobless rate of 7.5 percent for the

OPCD area as a whole this year, or 29.9 million unemployed, falling

largely because of job cuts in industry.

off to 7.3 percent or 29.4 million next year.

In France, the number of workers without a job rose by 29,400,

BONN — The German govern-ment said on Friday that it would caused by the already high level of government borrowing for recon-

struction of the east. Until now the government has been forecasting a 1993 budget defi-cit of 38 billion DM.

Additional spending cuts of 7 billion to 8 billion DM would be made, in areas such as welfare benefits and grants for university students, to finance extra spending in the east, the sources said.

"The cuts will hit many sections source said.

The decision, soon after Mr. Kohl's announcement this week that taxes would go up starting in 1995 to pay off East German debt, represents another turnaround on the part of the center-right coalition. Last year, it broke an election pledge oot to raise taxes to pay for German unification. Since then, and until last week, the coalition had been insisting that stiff cuts in public spending would pay for reconstruction in the east.

Mr. Waigel said that the gap in 1993 spending could not be filled by even more cuts, which he said would be damaging for the economy. But he said the government would stick with its target of limiting increases in federal spending to 2.5 percent a year over the next

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Very briefly:

Norges Bank, the Norwegian central bank, cut its key overnight lending rate to 10.5 percent from 11 percent, effective Monday, reflecting lower money market rates. It also said it was cutting the rate for banks' current deposits to 9.5 percent from 10.0 percent.

• Empresa Nacional de Electricidad SA said pretax profit in the nine-months to Sept. 30 rose to 116.768 billion pesetas (\$106.7 million), from 102.191 billion pesetas in the year-earlier period.

 Dayson International PLC, a knitwear company, said it would close a Dumfries, Scotland, factory, climinating 205 jobs, as part of a restructuring. Degassa AG, the German chemicals group, announced the sale of its special-metals activities to Chemetall GunhH, a unit of Metallgesellschaft AG, effective Nov. I. Financial terms were not disclosed.

· Affied-Lyons PLC, Bass PLC, Courage Ltd. and Whithread & Co. have agreed to report annually on the size and composition of their estates—tied or owned public houses—from Nov. 1, the British government saids

The EC Commission said it would not conduct an inquiry into British Airways PLC's takeover of Davies & Newman Holdings PLC, owner of Dan-Air, because the deal was not big enough to fall under European Community merger regulations.

 Egypt expects to buy French-made Mirage 2000 fighter aircraft for delivery beginning in 1993, the head of the Egyptian Air Force, General Ahmed Nasr said. He said a new order for Mirages, built by Dassault Aviation SA, could go through after a rescheduling of Egypt's military

The GATT anti-dumping committee set up a dispute panel to investigate a Japanese complaint against duties of 15-25 percent imposed by the European Community on Podio cassette tapes, GATT officials said. • GPA Group PLC, the struggling Shannon, Ireland-based aircraft leasing company, said it expected to complete a refinancing package during the first quarter of 1993.

Compagnie Générale des Eaux SA's unit Société Général d'Enterprises reported its first-half net profit rose to 116.9 million francs (\$22.4 million), from 115.0 million francs in the year-earlier period.

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 have signed a memorandum of understanding on development of tele-communications training using computers, simulations and multimedia presentation techniques, Ericsson said. AFX, Reuters, Bloomberg, AFP

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Mountleigh Sells Spanish Unit

MADRID - Galerias Preciados, the Spanish retailing unit of the collapsed British real estate company Mountleigh Group PLC, has been sold to a group of Spanish investors for 21.2 billion pesetas (\$193.6 million), Mountleigh's receivers KPMG Peat Marwick

Tim Hayward, a partner at KPMG, refused at a "The original amount included a substantial value for the shares of Galerias," he said. "Clearly we viable and has a future." Galerias is Spain's second haven't recovered that amount by selling Galerias in the current economic climate."

But Mr. Hayward also said that Mountleigh had not been forced into selling Galerias cheap and would have held it in the medium term if an attractive offer had not appeared,

"The company has made quite substantial losses during the first nine months of this year," he said. "We would have been looking for additional financial resources to continue operating at present levels in

Mr. Hayward said that proceeds from the sale would go toward paying Mountleigh's creditors. Ga-lerias was Mountleigh's biggest overseas asset and in the past was seen as the jewel in its crown.

shareholder and chairman of the food reiailer Man-tequerías Leonesas, Fernando Sada and Santiago de

Fernando Sada, who will be managing director of Galerias, said the bid was supported by a group of

Spanish and foreign banks. KPMG forecast that Galerias would post a pretax loss of 4.3 billion pesetas for 1992, compared with a

that the high-profile entrepreneur José Maria Ruiz Mateos was behind the deal. He had built up the Rumasa business empire which ran into trouble and was expropriated by the government to avert a major financial crisis in 1983.

Galerias was part of Rumasa until 1984, when it was bought by the Venezucian businessman Gustavo Cisoeros. Mountleigh took over in 1987.

But both Mr. Ruiz Mateos and Mr. Lopez-Tello

rigorously denied such speculation, Galerias employees said they had known nothing of the deal. Mr. Hayward said that the receivers had had bundreds of expressions of interest and six serious (Bloomberg, Reuters)

Phillips Plans To Reorganize Norway Oil Field

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches BARTLESVILLE, Oklahoma -Phillips Petroleum Co. said Friday that its Norwegian unit was injecting additional water into the Ekoreservoir, one of Norway's largest North Sea oil fields, in order to keep the site functioning as a major transporter of oil to Britain

and gas to Germany.

Magne Ognedal, chief of the safety division of the Norwegian Petroleum Directorate, said "there is no immediate danger for personnel, the environment or economic values." But the directorate has expressed concerns to Phillips about the long-term safety of a processing tank in the field.

The U.S.-based oil company said it would submit a long-term plan next year to relocate some of the unit's functions eisewhere.

The Ekofisk tank was installed in 1973 as part of a 10-platform com-(Remers, AFP)

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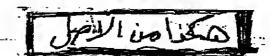
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ities whose hulls were registered in Liberia but owned by a Swiss com-pany, where the trail went cold.

German companies to load too much of their profit onto their off-

The government tried to establish its own independent valuations of shipping contracts, but its argument was rejected by the judge. As a result, Mr. Field said, tax collections of foreign shippers have suf-

The IRS campaign has already had an effect abroad; tax authorities have started deciding that two can play this game. German tax law

Mr. Levey said the French fisc had just proposed rules allowing its tax inspectors to conduct more detailed audits of the foreign subsidizries of French companies. The Japanese are expected to follow other tax agencies, and Governor Cimton never points out that all of them can easily retaliate by being tougher on American companies in

their own countries. Attempts at reform of what is

been under occasional discussion at the Organization for Economic assessments on the amount of Cooperation and Development since the mid-1970s.

done by international companies. Others have proposed arbitration.

Mr. Field proposes scrapping the whole system and going back to the method used in the 19th century by

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U.S. legislation has been intro-duced this year that would in effect set a minimum tax on the business proof under the comparable price system," Mr. Field said. Making the shift would probably demand agreement among America's major trading partners - not a quick or

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Hong Kong Stock Scramble

TOKYO: Political Sniping Wings Recovery Package

(Continued from first finance page) infighting among two rival groups cept rice imports, now virtually nomic package as doing little to spur private consumption, which

Keizo Obuchi, raising questions about how much attention the min-

ister will be able to pay to economic issues. Indeed, there are now

donbts whether Mr. Hata will con-

tinne as finance minister after a

cabinet reshuffle expected in De-

position in the reshuffle was secure,

but no longer," Ms. Meyer said.

Now the chances are better that

The crisis comes at a delicate

time for Tokyo. The government may face increased trade tensions if

a new Democratic administration

in Washington shrieks over To-

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HONG KONG — Huge demand this week for a interbank lending rate also climbed to 5 percent, from caused tensions in Hong Kong's banking system and pushed interbank interest rates sharply higher, bank-

It has also given issuer, China Travel International Investment Hong Kong, a potentially huge cash windfall as it earns interest on up to 200 billion Hong Kong dollars (\$25.6 billion) in money that will not be renumed to failed applicants for a week

And it illustrates the phenomenal demand in Hong Kong for companies controlled by the mainland Chinese anthorities.

Brokers and bankers estimate that the 400 million dollar issue by China Travel, a theme-park and rail-Treight concern, has been oversubscribed by between .300 and 500 times. Bankers say that, since most of this money has been

lodged in the last few hours of the subscription period, which ended at noon Friday, it has created a massive short-term imbalance in the banking system.

Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corp. and Bank of China were accepting the applications on behalf of China Travel. They have ended up with an enormous

surplus of funds, while many of the other banks in the territory have been scrambling to borrow money to meet their customers' cash demands for stock issue

Late Friday, Hong Kong's weekend interbank lend-ing rate was at 5.25 percent, against only 3 percent for ed in its accounts.

spur private consumption, which

accounts for 60 percent of gross

The major problem is that the scandal and ensuing infighting have created a power vacuum. Shin

Kanemaru, Japan's most powerful

politician, was forced to resign this

month after admitting he took 500

million yen in unreported cam-

paign contributions from Tokyo-Sagawa Kyubin, a trucking compa-

my with alleged links to the Japa-

Mr. Kanemaru was key to the

government's financial rescue an-

Minister Kiichi Miyazawa, whom

Mr. Kanemarn helped install, will

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Bankers said that Hongkong Bank and Bank of China were not able to lend the other banks all the money they had been getting in from the share issue because it would take some time to make an accurate assessment of the level of oversubscription.

"We are receiving large amounts of money from banks around town and then trying to place this back into the market," said Steve Troop, manager for strategic planning at Hongkong Bank. But he warned that the bank was constrained by prudential and regulatory requirements until it knew precisely how much money had come in.

He said that the counting of the subscriptions would

be going on into the early hours of Saturday morning. This shortfall is likely to force some banks to seek emergency credit from the Hong Kong government's Office of the Exchange Fund. The Exchange Fund operates a liquidity-adjustment facility, which is like a discount window at which banks can borrow overnight money at a current rate of 4 percent provided they piedge government securities as collateral.

The big winner from the day's events will be China Travel, which has not only seen its share issue feverishly sought by investors but also will now be able to earn a substantial sum from interest on the money deposit-

The battle has pitted the finance differences over agricultural subsi-minister, Tsutomn Hata, against dies and allow a world trade pact to

kyo's soaring trade surplus.

Tokyo will also have to make a recession for several quarters." Ms.

Sasaki-Smith said. "It's crucial to

politically difficult decision to ac- stimulate private consumption."

go forward.

"Trade frictions will intensify

but the rhetoric won't get ugly, said Mineko Sasaki-Smith, chie

economist at Credit Suisse. In-

stead, she said, the focus would be

on government-to-government

talks to push Japan to further stim-

Although there are some signs of

optimism in the Japanese economy
—industrial production has firmed

and inventory levels are down -

private consumption continues to weaken. "We may see a slight up-

turn in the fourth quarter, but we

won't be out of a Japanese-style

recession for several quarters," Ms.

nlate its domestic demand.

JAL Expecting Worst Loss Ever

TOKYO - Japan Airlines. pinched between falling revenue and rising capital spending, on Friday reported a loss for the first half of its financial year and said it expected its worst loss ever for the full year.

The carrier, Japan's largest, reported a pretax loss of 4.4 billion yen (\$35.7 million) for the six months ended Sept. 30, down from a profit of 10.26 billion yen in the year-earlier period. JAL predicted a 50 billion year

pretax loss for the year to March 31, with revenue falling 6.2 percent to 1.45 trillion yen, the lowest figure in four years. The second half of the year

passengers will depress revenue even further, while JAL's capital spending will increase, it said. Despite a 4.7 percent drop in

revenue in the first half, JAL spent 100 billion yen on capital improvements. Most of that went to expand its fleet for the opening of Kansai International Airport near Osaka, expected to be opened in 1994.

in the second half, JAL will boost capital expenditure to 150 billion yen, even though sales in the period will fall 7.8 percent percent to 466.4 billion ven, according to JAL's managing director, Osamu Igarashi.

"No airline can afford to not will be bleaker than the first be-

the new airport," said Daniel O'Koefe, an analyst at Merrill Lynch. "When that happens the government will be doling out new slots to domestic airlines, If they don't have facilities for the fleets they'll be locked out."

Japan's sluggish economy caused air-freight revenue to decline and reduced the number of passengers in the lucrative business and first classes, JAL said.

in the second half, passenger volume is showing no signs of picking up. In October, reserva-tions fell 22 percent for first class seats and 20 percent for business class, according to Merrill Lynch. Even economy class rescrystions dropped 6 percent

Slim Profits for Heavy Industries

TOKYO - Three of Japan's biggest shipbuilders and military contractors announced sharply lower first-half pretax earnings on Friday, blaming sluggish sales of general machinery and a pro-longed economic slowdown.

The profits posted were lower than expected.

but both Mitsubishi Heavy Industries Ltd. and Kawasaki Heavy Industries Ltd. left their forecasts

for the year unchanged. Only Sumitomo Heavy Industries Ltd. cut its projection.

A fourth shipbuilder, Mitsui Engineering & Shipbuilding Co., announced higher-than-expected earnings and raised its forecast for the year

Mitsubishi, Japan's top military contractor and biggest shipbuilding, nuclear-power-plant and acrospace concern, said earnings fell 8.4 percent from a year earlier to 62 billion yen (\$517 million) in the six months to Sept. 30. Its sales grew 9.1

percent to 1.11 trillion ven. Mitsubishi projected pretax earnings of 150 billion yen for the full year. Kawasaki, which makes aerospace engines and submarines and is Japan's top exporter of motor-cycles, said its profit fell 10 percent to 4.9 billion yen. Sales declined 7.7 percent to 360 billion yen. its profit projection for the full year was un-changed at 22.5 billion yen.

Sumitomo's profit plunged 44.7 percent to 741 million yen while sales fell 1.9 percent to 127 million yen. It cut its full-year earnings forecast by 25 percent 10 3 billion yen.

Mitsui's earnings grew 9.1 percent to 3.8 billion yen. Sales jumped 22.9 percent to 116 billion yen. The company raised its profit forecast for the year to 7 billion yen from 6.7 billion.

JVC Posts Loss of 13.55 Billion Yen

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches TOKYO - Victor Co, of Japan Ltd., the electronies manufacturer known by its JVC brand name, reported Friday a loss of 13.55 billion yen (\$110.2 million) for the six months ended Sept. 30.

JVC said it was especially hard hit by a stronger yen and intensifying competition amid a global slump in the audiovisual industry. Revenue in the period fell 20 percent to 254 billion yen, with exports off 30 percent to 133 billion yen and domestic sales dropping 6 percent to 121 billion yen.

Although the loss was slightly smaller than forecast, JVC revised downward its projection for the financial year to March. It now expects a loss of 28 billion yen, compared with an earlier estimate of 21 billion yen. (Bloomberg, AFP)

Nikon Earnings Slump

TOKYO - Nikon Corp., the Japanese maker of optical instru-ments, said Friday that parentcompany pretax profit bad slumped 82 percent in the six months ended Sept. 30, to 1 billion ven (\$8.1 billion). Citing large cuts in capital investment by semiconeven in the year to March 31.

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 Honda Motor Co. will start Japanese sales of its new four-door Domani car, successor to the Concerto, next Wednesday.

■ Isetan Co., a department-store chain, said parent-company pretax profit [cll 71.4 percent to 1.36 billion yen (511 million) in the six months to Sept. 30 because of a slump in domestic consumption.

Oki Electric Industry Co., a maker of communications equipment, reported a pretax loss of 19.35 billion ven for the half year period; it blamed low rates of investment by Japanese companies.

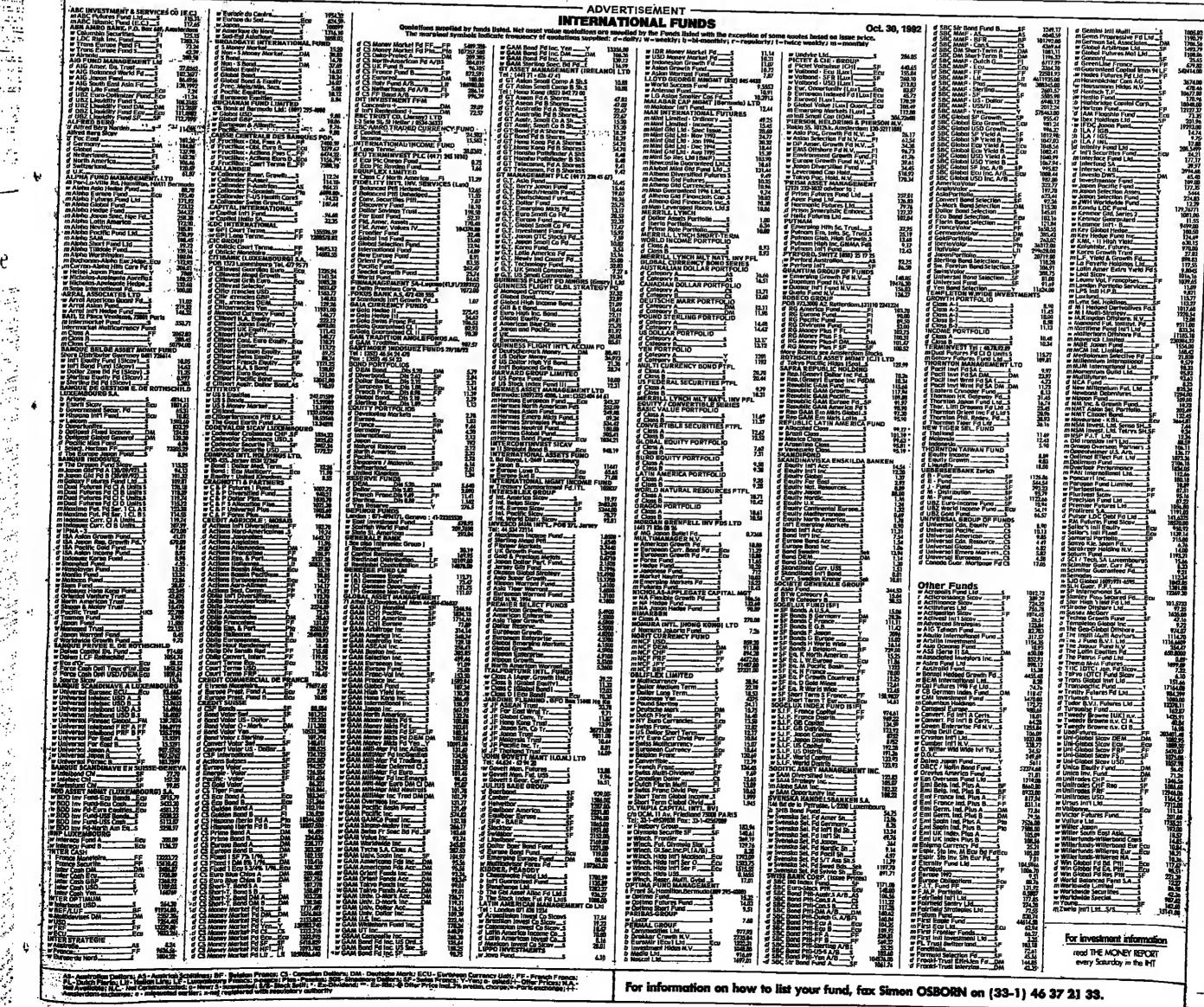
Ajmomoto Co., Japan's largest integrated food processor, said its pretax profit fell 2.9 percent from a year earlier to 14.05 billion yen in the six

• Malaysia will extend its 5 percent service tax, which now applies to botels, restaurants and professional services, to telecommunication companies, security and guard concerns, recreational clubs and real estate agents starting in January.

 CRA Ltd. intends to spend 100 million Australian dollars (\$69 million) to boost the capacity of the Argyle diamond mine 30 percent over the next 18 months to two years.

• Hong Kong & China Gas Co., the colony's sole supplier of gas, will increase its basic service charge by about 7 percent starting Jan. 1. ductor and other industries, it fore • The Chinese Export Commodities Fair in Guangzhou ended its fall cast that it would merely break session with \$5.95 billion in export contracts baving been signed.

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Respect For Trade Is Overdue

gone, and this time without one of the market jolts that investors have come to fear in recent years. Now despite all the proliferation of invest-ment analysis, no one has yet tried to make a living by explaining why a crisis didn't come to pass. But if such analysts existed, you can bet they wouldn't be handing out prizes to

the world's trade negotiators.

Yes, the woeful GATT talks. The mere mention anymore inspires little besides fatigue or disgust. And no wonder. Despite six years of talks and the widespread estimate of a \$100 billion benefit to the world economy. the U.S. and Europe continue to deadlock the process, paralyzed over a few boatloads of oilseeds and wheat.

Politicians on both sides, wary of offending farm interests, appear more interested in affixing the hlame for failure than in making the compromises needed for a deal. That the differences are so small and the potential benefits so great makes the stalemate all the

The point here isn't to make the case for a GATT deal. Rather, it's a question of pointing out where the political risk to investors

T'S not in national hallots. Witness how easily Wall Street has adjusted to the possibility of a President Clinton, and how Canadian markets barely winced at a referendum that could spell the beginning of the end for the nation. Market principles are well-established in both governing and opposition parties across the industrialized world, and policy differences lie

mainly at the margin.
Today, it's the mability of the West to reach a trade deal that poses the hig risk. What's so frustrating is that unlike 1987, when differences between Washington and Bonn over the dollar contributed to the stock market crash, the interests of both the United States and Europe are the same today. A GATT deal is the biggest single initiative they can make to get the global economy

moving again. Instead, free trade is being treated all too much like religion. Everyone espouses the need for it fervently, hut oobody wants to

Currency Crisis in Income Funds

By Conrad de Aenlie

HE bill has arrived on a feast served up to American savers over the last two years as a free lunch. Shareholders in short-term world income funds, bought on the assumption that they were high-yielding surrogates for ultra-safe money market funds, took some big hits during the European currency crisis last month as falls in the pound, lira, peseta and other currencies shrank many of the funds' net asset values.

The average fund in the group lost 2.22 percent between Sept. 10 and Oct. 22, according to Lipper Analytical Services. The worst, a Fidelity fund that specializes in British securities, lost 15.62 percent. Others, like the Scudder Short-Term World Income Fund, a favorite of many analysts, came out unscathed, gaining 1.3 percent. But of the 48 funds tracked, only seven

others showed gains.

Analysts who had warned months ago that something like this might happen are now saying, "I told you so." As a matter of fact, they're saving, "I'm telling you again," warning that the funds are still risky plays for investors lnoking for a safe place to park their money.

Some startled shareholders don't have to be

told twice. By one estimate, \$1.2 billion worth of shares was redeemed in a two-week stretch, or close to 6 percent of the total outstanding. "The decline in September did cause redemp-uons," said Sarah Libbey, marketing manager for the Fidelity Short-Term World Income

Fund, whose net asset value fell about 4 percent from its early September peak to its trough, before recovering a hit. "It seems like most of the people who redeemed went into money market funds or short-term domestic bond funds. Those were the people who felt it was a little too nerve-racking for them.

Short-term world income funds invest in the same kinds of paper that U.S. money market funds buy, namely Treasury hills, high-grade commercial paper and the like, but in foreign currencies. Many of those currencies have been yielding three times as much as the 3 percent or so available in the United States,

With yields of 8 or 9 percent, all was well, Indeed, it was all the better while the dollar spent much of the last two years falling against European currencies, carrying the funds' total return in dollar terms even higher. Then came the fiasco that tore apart Europe's exchange-

Although any fund can lose money, it's nearimpossible for the net asset value of a U.S. money market fund to shrink. Analysts say that what upsets them — and shareholders even more, no doubt — is that some companies made similar claims for their world funds.

"It was marketed as an alternative to low certificate of deposit rates and basically just as safe," said the fund analyst Ken Weber. "If a

person says, 'My money market fund pays 2.9 percent,' and goes to an adviser or hroker and says, 'What have you got?' they'll tell you, 'You ought to diversify globally. We've got something for you.'

He added that he's got nothing against the funds themselves, just the marketing practices: "Absolutely they're O.K. as long as you understand what you're getting into."

stand what you're getting into. The fund companies assert they did not pre-sent the funds as safer than they are, playing

down the currency risk. "That's certainly not the way that we market

it and it's certainly not the intention that they be viewed as such," said Gordon Johns, who

A global income fund 'offers currency risk. It's not the equivalent of CDs and money market funds.' Gordon Johns of Kemper.

manages the Kemper Short-Term Global In-come Fund. "It offers currency risk, although less than unhedged funds, but it's not the equiv-

alent of CDs and money market funds."
He added: "In the longer term 1 don't think these funds will prove to be more volatile than long-term bond funds. These last few months have been a damaging hut unrepresentative

Ms. Lihbey at Fidelity concurred: "For us, we from day one have been very conscious of the fact that this type of investment, with at-tractive yields, could attract investors who have never been in mutual funds before." With the fund prospectus, she added, "we try to put terms into the material telling people it's not as simple as a hank account."

One of the keys to performance in short-term world income funds is the way they hedge currency movements against the dollar. Now there is no such thing as a perfect hedge. The cost of huying forward currency contracts, a classic hedge used by stock and bond funds, effectively wipes out the income gains on higher-yielding currencies. Still, some funds put on

short-term hedges to get over rough patches.

The Scudder fund, for instance, hedged by buying dollar contracts and selling short those denominated in such currencies as the pound nd escudo last month, said Paul Robertson, a Scudder investment counselor. That strategy helped keep losses to a minimum,

Other funds employed a method known as cross-hedging. That involved buying instruments in a high-yielding currency, such as the pound, and selling those of a low-yielding currency, such as the Deutsche mark.

The method was tailor-made for insuring pre-crisis European currencies against swings

ly correlated, the strategy works very well," Mr. Johns explained. The hedge described here, for example, would have locked in the pound's high income, while any decline in the pound's rate against the dollar would have been covered by ains made on selling the mark short. The problem is that last month's crisis wasn't

a dollar phenomenon. It was a Continental crisis that hiew apart the once-close relationship between weaker currencies like the pound and the lira and strong currencies like the mark. Cross-hedging actually tends to magnify losses for dollar-based investors in such a crisis. Mr. Johns conceded that his fund did espe-

cially poorly during the crisis because it em-ploys cross-bedging on 100 percent of its assets. which are all in European currencies. The Fidelity fund normally cross-hedges its European currencies, hut it put on hedges against a rise in the dollar as the crisis was

unfolding, Ms. Lihbey said. Outside Europe, it does not cross-hedge because correlated curren-cies are hard to find, Ms. Libbey said. Sheldon Jacobs wrote in his newsletter, The No-Load Fund Investor, that during the crisis, "the funds that did the best were extremely defensive in their policies, took heed of poor fundamental conditions in countries like Italy,

were better informed and, perhaps, lucky." September was an aberration, but not much

of one, he went on to say: "Not only was it not a good month for these funds, it also hasn't been a great year. By and large they haven't done as well as short-term bond funds that invest in the U.S. Their yields are somewhat higher, hut their total returns the ultimate measure - are lower." Indeed, in the year ended Oct. 22, the average total return was only 1.94 percent, according to Lipper, Mr. Weber said investors considering these

funds should not try to call the currencies themselves, divining the next high in the dollar. "I'd say it's too complicated to figure out which way the dollar is going to go," he said. "I'd bet more on the individual managers."

My Johns is one of those managers who took

Mr. Johns is one of those managers who took a sound thrashing, but he remains faithful to his cross-hedging techniques. "The strategy still works," he insisted. Last month "was just one of the occasions we always said could happen."
He is keeping a good chunk of the fund in the
high-yielding currencies of Spain and Italy, using short-term options as an additional hedge. With or without the ERM, he said he expected currency correlations in Europe to

Scudder is doing the opposite. "We reduced our exposure in some of the weaker markets," Mr. Robertson said, Sacrificing yield for stability, be added, "we moved out of the weaker currencies like the Greek drachma, Swedish krona and Finnish markka and moved into the core currencies of the ERM, like the Deutsche mark and French franc."

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Speculators Come Clean On Big Gains

By Tom Buerkle

HEN France's finance minister last month reminded how specu-lators were beheaded during the Revolution, it was a bizarre comment to say the least, but seemingly impersonal. That's not the case anymore, though. Micbel Sapin, meet George Soros.

Mr. Soros is the doyen of the hedge fund managers, who play just about any financial instrument that moves, including a liberal dose of futures and options to goose up returns. Mr. Soros himself is known to look at broad macroeconomic trends in setting strategy, and to leverage heavily for maximum effect.

He did just that last month, borrowing ag-ressively to place what he claimed was a \$10 billion bet that Britain would devalue. By selling the pound short and loading up on Deutsche marks, Mr. Soros not only was well placed to benefit from the pound's devaluation, he was probably the biggest single factor in the market forcing the devaluation.

The result, Mr. Soros said this past week, was a roughly \$1 billion gain for investors in his Quantum Fund and three others. Indeed, the roughly \$3.5 billion Quantum Fund stood head and shoulders above the 1,700 funds monitored by Lipper Analytical Services, showing a return of 24.90 percent for the month of September alone. Three other Soros funds — Quasar International, Quota and Quantum Emerging Growth — rode a similar currency strategy to rank in the top 10, For the year through Oct. 23, Quantum didn't rank in the top 10, but it was still up a cool 51.13 percent.

The other big winner was Paul Tudor Jones's Tudor Putures Fund, which ranked sixth for the month with a gain of 15.50 percent.

Those gains are enough to make a world income fundholder weep, but they aren't terribly accessible. Mr. Soros's funds are based offshore, so they are technically off limits to U.S. residents. What's more, investors have to pony up a minimum of \$100,000 to join.

The Tudor fund is also offshore and, in a fact that may cheer Mr. Sapin, it isn't accepting any new money. Not that it's pre-crisis performance was much of a draw: The currency fillip merely got the fund out of the loss column. Through Oct, 23, the fund is up a modest 11.29 percent. Apparently, even the shrewdest speculators can burn themselves without an assist from hostile authorities.

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And Now, a Two-Tier Europe in Bonds

By Aline Sullivan

HE crisis that hammered Europe's exchange-rate mechanism was supposed to have a silver lining: Freed straitjacket, ERM quitters Italy and Britain and devaluer Spain were able to cut short-term interest rates to boost their economies and markets. Bul what's good for short-term rates and stocks isn'l necessarily good for bonds, analysts caution. Indeed, devaluation increases the risk of inflation, the worst enemy of bondholders, while a loosening of policy designed to stimu-late the weak economies poses a further risk to

bonds, especially to Britain. "Gilt issuance will surge again next year because the effects of the recession will put pressure on the government to increase debt in order to finance the deficit," said Chris Anthony, head of sterling bond research at UBS Phillips & Drew. Exacerbating the economic risk in these bond

markets is a heightened political risk. In Britnin, embaltled Prime Minister John Major has decided to stake his fate on a parliamentary vote next week on the government's support for the Maastricht Treaty on European Union.

Political pressures are undermining the gill market," Mr. Anthony said. "There has been a complete turnaround in the yield curve since

the country dropped out of the ERM." At the start of September, when Britain was keeping short rates high to defend the pound, one-year government bonds yielded far more than 20-year honds — a little more than 10.5 percent versus just over 9 percent. Aggressive rate-cutting since ERM withdrawal has seen one-year yields plunge to just above 6.50 percent today, however, while 20-year yields have

only fallen to just below 8.75 percent.
So although long-term gilts, the kind most private investors buy, have rallied, they have significantly underperformed short-term issues, noted Ifty Islam of Barclays de Zoete Wedd. more than wiped out by currency losses. Italian and Spanish bonds have shown even greater

underperformance.

There's plenty of political risk outside of Britain too, said William Arab, a partner at Marathon Asset Management in London. Movements such as the Lombard League in Italy — which aims to split the prosperous north from the impoverished south and has urged Italians not to buy the government's debt -and Flemish- and French-speaking groups in Belgium show that separatism isn'l only confined to Eastern Europe.

"Even if there are no changes in the Europe-an political scene, there will be uncertainty," Mr. Arah said. "The bond markets hate uncertainty. Some issues are going to get more expensive and some yields are going to rise, making

If all that sounds farfetched, look at the market for bonds denominated in European currency units. Popular with investors as recently as this spring, the market suffered a liquidity crisis after Denmark rejected the Maastricht treaty. Now traders say it may never

There is a greater discrimination now on the part of investors in sovereign issues, particular-iy against Italy and Belgium," said Dick Woodworth, a fixed-income analyst at Merrill Lynch Europe Ltd.

There is still value in European bond markets as the deepening economic slowdown increases

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the likelihood of further interest-rate declines. But unlike the hroad strategies prevailing earlier this year, when all European countries seemed to be converging toward low inflation and low interest rates, most analysts now urge investors to focus on France and, to a lesser extent Germany, where the risks of inflation, currency loss and litical uncertainty are reduced.

Investors should underweight, if not avoid, the European high yielders — Spain, Italy, Sweden and the United Kingdom — because of significant currency, price and liquidity risk," said Adrian Carr, an analyst at J.P. Morgan.

Mark Brett, director of bond and currency strategy at Barclays de Zoete Wedd, agreed.

"Private investors should be looking for long-term value, which you can get only in the middle of the ERM where the political risk is low," he said. "There is value in France where a 10-year bond yield has been 8.24 percent while the inflation rate is less than 3 percent.

BRIEFCASE

Comic Book Market Theory is No Joke, Prechter Says

Some financial analysts try to call movements in the markets by following movements in the stars and planets. In that spirit, here comes another other-worldly analytic tool: the Superman indicator!

Robert Prechter, the Elliott wave analyst who hasn't seen a lot in the stock market that he's liked over the last five years, sees more bad news in the much-ballyhooed announce that DC Comics plans to kill off its bread-andhutter superhero in November.

Mr. Prechter is not being frivolous. The basis for Elliott wave theory is that recurring and

fairly predictable patterns of mass societal moods determine the performance of markets and economies. Mr. Prechter looks for evidence of social mood swings in odd places.

"Superman is the comic book hero most symbolic of American strength, heroism, mo-rality and good will, not just for the 1980s, but for the entire supercycle uptrend in social mood dating from the 1930s," he writes. "If you think this event is trivia, you're wrong."

U.S. Fund Buyers Lose Taste For Bonds, Favoring Stocks With interest rates at longtime lows and the election agenda focused on growth, U.S. mutu-

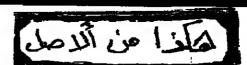
al funds investors are moving away from longterm bond funds and toward equities

The inflow of money to bond funds dropped to a five-month low of \$8 billion in Septe the Investment Company Institute said, largely because of a \$2.2 billion ontflow from global bond funds. What's more, some fund compa-nies said the flow of money into bonds slowed even further in October, with investors favoring stock and money market funds.

Stock funds took in \$4.5 billion in Septem ber, up from \$3.5 billion in August, the ICI said. Fund groups said stock-fund sales had risen in October, with Fidelity and T. Rowe Price reporting growing sales of more aggressive funds. (NYT)

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Health Sector's Faltering Signs

Compensation Becomes a Tool

In Today's Market Competition

The systems also vary in the scope of investment businesses

covered and in the size of payout.

Only a few compensation schemes cover insurance business of any

kind. And whereas many countries

limit compensation to cover only a

fraction of the sum lost, payments in another country may be limited

only by the size of the fund backing

have two of the widest definitions

of what kind of business is covered.

In Britain compensation can be

claimed against losses on life insur-ance, mutual funds, securities, fu-

tures and options and other types

But a crucial distinction is that

although Britain covers an investor

not only against the collapse of a

broker but also against fraud and negligence, the U.S. system does not accept claims for fraud or neg-ligence.

U.S. fraud victims aren't left en-

tirely high and dry, but they may

have to go to court to get their money back. In addition to suing

the alleged frandster, an investor

. The most generous scheme is

the National Guarantee Fund.

Losses caused by a stockbroker's

insolvency, however, are limited to

7 million Australian dollars (54.9

At the other end of the scale, the

miscrly. Payouts are limited

um of 40 percent of the

Italian National Guarantee Fund is

to 25 percent of each claim, with a

fund's assets for any one default.

It's not quite so odd when you understand how the

Up to seventy-five per cent of the rainfall in the Amazon

Water circulates up from the roots, into the atmosphere

weather is affected by deforestation.

rainforest is recycled from tree to tree.

of investment. In the United States, pensions, stocks, notes and bonds

are covered, among others.

Britain and the United States

the compensation scheme.

SEC, is one of the oldest investor schemes. It has paid about 330,000 claims totaling \$1.8 billion. In Britain, 3,362 claims have been paid during the last four years totaling £23.4 million (\$37 million).

The thoughts of Linis Carlos Croissier Batista, chairman of the Comission Nacional del Mercado de Comission Nacional del Mercado de Comission Scheme would be appropriate in Spain suggest that there is likely to be a trade-off between a

priate in Spain suggest that there is likely to be a trade-off between a

scheme's scope and its generosity. "The precise amount guaranteed

should vary according to the risk being covered," he said. If the sys-

tem provides coverage only for in-

vestment funds or depository services, he said, "the likelihood of the

event makes the cost of guarantee-ing high quantities quite low.

operations are to be covered, an

action, which I do not deem appro-

priate, the amounts guaranteed will have to be low, as the cost of cover-

age would be considerably higher and probably unaffordable," he

When it comes to investing across borders, the multitude of

different systems moddies the pic-

ture. Generally speaking, an inves-

tor's claim is the responsibility of

the host country of the investment

business that caused it, regardless of whether the investor is resident

in that country. But when an in-

vestment is made through the over-

seas office of a financial firm not

covered by a compensation scheme

in its host country, there is greater

The U.S. compensation scheme

covers claims against branch of-fices of U.S. financial services com-

panies anywhere in the world. Sim-

ilarly, branch offices of members of

the Australian Stock Exchange are

covered by Australia's compensa-

Britain, however, covers only

those claims arising against its firms within its national bound-

If an investor has questions

about a possible claim or doesn't

know how to find the relevant com-

pensation scheme, the way to start

regulates the brokerage involved.

"If, on the contrary, all sorts of

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By Rupert Bruce

years, so has the need to pro-tect them. And hand in hand with

protection goes compensation.

Compensation schemes — de-

signed, in most cases, to at least

partially reimburse investors who fall victim to financial deficiencies

or dishonesty but not market risk

- are becoming a vital and com-

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won't see the investments. There-

fore, large and small markets will all need to focus on achieving

'quality' for the investor in offering and trading practices and in the

Britain is one of the most recent

tablished one in 1988. Elsewhere in

Europe, Spain is considering a

compensation scheme in addition.

tees transactions on Spanish invest-

The need for schemes is amply

demonstrated by the scale of past compensation. In the United

States, the Securities Investor Pro-

tection Corp., a private body estab-

and trading practices and in the can go to an industry arbitrator or overall safety and integrity of months become press civil charges and market," he said.

countries to have established a Australia's, where in some cases the

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increased over the last few

A STATE OF THE PARTY OF THE PAR tries' regulatory systems. . Judging from comments by Richard Breeden, chairman of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, at the annual conference of the International Organization of Securities Commissions in London last week; compensation arrangements should become more and more popular.
"Compared with the 1980s," Mr.
Breeden said, "the 1990s may prove to be a decade that witnesses a much tighter supply of equity capi-tal worldwide. If that is true, investors worldwide will be more internationalist, but they will also be

more selective.



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THE MONEY REPORT

Election Obscures Challenge for U.S. Health Stocks

By Philip Crawford

CCORDING to the conventional wisdom investors in the U.S. health-care industry will find out Tuesday whether to keep their holdings or dump them. A Cinton victory will mean the advent of new government price con-trols that will suffocate earnings growth, the scenario goes, while a re-elected President Bush will fol-

low a policy of benign neglect. But many analysis and fund managers question that formula. Although they acknowledge that the prospect of a President Clinton has contributed to the poor performance of health-care stocks this year, perhaps the biggest factor is

On fundamentals, these analysts say the handwriting is on the wall regardless of who wins the election: Cost is now the dominant theme of can deliver a quality product at a Medical Research fund. With 60

"With the trend in the industry toward managed care, the payers Clinton pare making more of the decisions," sarily be said Barbara Ryan, a pharmaceuri-industry. to be a 'sold' business, from doctors and hospitals to the public. Now it's a bought' business, with the public seeking out the best managed-care plan. That's a fundamental burn returns and result in less in-

Health-care funds have taken a beating this year, but some fund managers play down the falloff as an adjustment that was bound to happen. "Beginning in the fall of 1984, health-care stocks have consistently outperformed the market sistently outperformed the market for seven years, through the autumn of 1991," said Edward Owens, manager of Vanguard's Specialized Portfolio — Health Care fund. "What's happened in 1992 has been a natural correction. Of course, there have been some company disappointments, and the fears about Clinton, warranted or not, have been a factor. But within the context of a disappointing global economy, the underperformance of health, we have been a factor.

that serious. They'll be back."

The Vanguard fund, which is up
4.3 percent over the past year but
down 7 percent since January, has
about 30 percent of its holdings in major U.S. pharmacenticals, 30 percent in medical service and major U.S. pharmacerticals, 30 percent in medical service and product companies, and the rest in biotech firms and international pharmaceuticals. It is the fifth-best performing fund in the sector over

Global Rx fund. Ben Williams, the

fund's manager, says his strategy

goes hand in hand with the times.
"We're betting on cost contain-

ment," he said. "It's going to con-

through leaves, and back down to another tree's roots as rain.

next as though it were part of a huge conveyor belt.

In this way, one area of forest passes on moisture to the

. By the time air masses reach the Andes Mountains in the

west, they still contain as much water as when they first

al economy, the underperformance

of health-care stocks hasn't been

involvement. Our core holdings are in health-maintenance organizations, alternate site health-care service providers and other forms of managed-care companies." Mr. Williams spoke highly of Ken-tucky-based Vencor Inc., Value Health Inc. of Connecticut, and

that the high-flying sector was due acress to the health-care system

the industry. Those companies — more husiness."

be they managed-care providers, medical equipment manufacturers, care funds this year — down by or pharmaceutical makers — that about 1 percent — is the Capsione justifiable price, under ever-in-creasing public scrutiny, will per-form the best for sharehold-international than most sector equities, the Capstone fund is more funds. The fund's manager, Samuel

sarily be bad for the health-care cals analyst with Alex. Brown & "Health care is one of the few Sons in New York. "Medicine used industries where the U.S. is still the world leader," he said. "And the only way the industry will continue which every aspect of the industry
has to be atturned to."

Tel 5353082 Fex 5353981 the past year, according to fundtracker Micropal The best-performing health fund for 1992 - up a modest 2.5 percent is John Hancock's Freedom

Winners Will Be Those Who Contain Costs For investors who are more interested in individual stocks than unit growth, sales that are volume-

tinue to be the wave of the industry, whether it happens by free-market forces or by increased government

lifornia-based Foundation Health Corp.

Mr. Williams also said he expected a boost to the industry from the White House regardless of who wins the election. All of the candidates have talked about increasing among those who currently don't have it. Assuming that whoever wins follows through, increased access means increased utilization of the system, which, of course, means

Isaly, says he doesn't feel that a Clinton presidency would neces-



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Merck & Co. remains on the short list of most analysts, a position that was only reinforced by its recent 17 percent jump in third-quarter net income, to \$644.5 milommendations on Pfizer Inc. and lion. Particularly impressive, analysts say, is the fact that the growth resulted from the amount of produces sold, not higher prices, which bodes well for the company in the

funds, analysis say there are attractive buys in pharmaceuticals, both U.S. and European.

driven rather than price-driven, said Ms. Ryan of Alex. Brown. "The companies which can do that are going to be the best off in the coming years, and I think Merck 1992, a 9 percent increase over the same period in 1991. The company will be one of them." In addition to Merck, Ms. Ryan has "buy" roc-

Warner-Lambert Co., for similar In Europe, many analysis are positive on the three major Swiss bodes well for the company in the pharmaceutical companies: Ciba-them," said David Sheridan, an an-event that Washington-induced Geigy AG, Sandoz AG and Roche price controls actually come about Holdings AG. Part of Ciba-Geigy's don.

success of late is due to strong sales of its new nicotine patch, Habitrol. launched earlier this year in the United States, By year-end, that product alone could bring in \$800 million, according to some esti-

Sandoz recently reported sales of

1.1 billion Swiss francs (\$8.) bil-

tion) for the first mine months of

attributes some of the increase to brisk sales of Clozaril, an antischizophrenia drug. Roche has re-ported a year-to-date sales increase of 15 percent, to 9.6 billion francs. "We've got a 'buy' on all three of



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> stop chopping down trees; so what can we do Ar Governmental level, WWF - World Wide Fund For Nature, necotiates to change the way we exploit the rainforests. On the ground, WWF funds the

deluges, the effects of the weather become more extreme.

In Panama, we fund the work of the Kuna Yala Indians who manage their tainforest territory as a nature In Costa Rica, we are researching ways of felling and removing trees for timbet without damaging other trees



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In December 1988, four hundred and fifty people died during floods in Thailand. There would have been no floods had the local rainforest remained intact. But it's not realistic to simply tell everyone to about it? rraining of rubber tappers in the northeastern Braziltan Amazon so that subber extraction does no harm to the tainforest. In Thailand, WWF provides seedlings for village tree nurseries. growing around them. These are just some of over 100 WWF tropical forest projects in 45 countries. It's not enough. A lot more needs to be done. If you can help us with a donation or a legacy, please do. It could be the answer to some-

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Oilers-Steelers: A Ground War

But for Redskins, Defense Is Key Against Visiting Giants

OILERS (5-2) at STEELERS (5-2) Key stat: The Oiler quarterback, Warren Moon, was intercepted five times by Steelers in 29-24 Week! loss at Houston and has been intercepted 15 times by Steelers in last four meetings. Comment: Pitisburgh's secondary reads and reacts to Moon better than any other AFC Central team, so the Oilers would be wise to feature the running back Lorenzo White more and leave less hurden on Moon. Pittsburgh is confident and has impressive size and strength on defense. But this time, the Oilers are ready in every phas .. The Oilers are favored by

GIANTS (3-4) at REDSKINS (5-2)

Key stat: Giants gained only 85 passing yards n victory over Seartle: Terry Orr, the Redskin nght end, has only five catches but averages 13.8 yards per catch. Comment: No matter how to the Giants get, the Redskins respect them b early and enter each game against the Giants the tense and sometimes tight. Playing at home in zv Robert F. Kennedy Stadium should abve any Redskins reservations. The Washingn defense has played much more strongly in the Giants' defense, and the Redskins' big-

ay receivers are utilized more efficiently than the Giants' receivers, who have much more tt-tential than regarded. Redskins win with

PACKERS (2-5) at LIONS (2-5)
Key stat: Packers have lost 10 furnhles, most in the NFC; Lions' 400 yards of offense last creek vs. Tampa Bay was their season high. Comment: Barry Sanders says forget Detroit's manges in scheme, personnel and at offensive pordinator, that either the Lions block and Cickle and win or don't and lose. Sanders inunds more like a Chicago Bear than a Detroit lison. He is right, though, and Green Bay can be locked and tackled without much fanfare, Detroit is plus 3 in turnover differential, Green Bay minus 6. That's the edge Detroit exploits.

RAMS (3-4) at FALCONS (2-5) Key stat: Rams are being outgained in average yards per game by 330 to 274.4; Falcons are allowing 257.1 passing yards per game, worst in the NFC. Comment: Chuck Knox is making something out of little with the Rams, who have already won as many games as they did last season. The Falcons sorely missed Deion Sanders in the secondary, in kick returns and simply his presence, which tends to excite and rally a team that thrives on raw emotion. The fast Georgia Dome track is all the Falcons need to say a step ahead of the Rams, Chris Miller should easily produce a 300-yard passing game.

DOLPHINS (6-1) at JETS (1-6) Key stat: Mark Higgs, the Dolphin running back, has six rushing touchdowns, tops in the AFC; Jets have scored 104 points, 64 fewer than Dolphins. Comment: The Jets not only should be competitive in this game but also should have an excellent chance of winning. They showed resolve in their Monday night loss to Buffalo and a two-minute offense that was effective. Actually, sprinkling the no-huddle

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offense into their game plan would be an effec-tive ploy against the Dolphins. Expect the Dolphins, however, to regroup after their shocking loss to Indianapolis and, this time, to make the game-saving plays. Dolphins by 5½.

PATRIOTS (0-7) at BILLS (5-2) Key stat: Patriots only once have scored more than 17 points in a game; Henry Jones, the Bills' defensive back, is a dazzling runner on interception returns — be has six thefrs for 214 yards including 82-yarder for TD. Comment: Will New England go 0-16? "Until we win a game, I'm sure that will be a topic of discus-sion," said the Patriot quarterback, Hugh Millen. He isn't kidding. And there is no relief in sight for New England here. Look for the Bills to roll from the atart with games vs. Pittsburgh and Miami up next. Bills by 1912.
BUCCANEERS (3-4) at SAINTS (5-2)

Key stat: Buccaneers have been torched for 64 points in consecutive losses to Chicago and Detroit; Saints rank 19th in rushing offense.

Comment: Vinny Testaverde finds himself on
the bench, replaced by Steve DeBerg, but he
will likely resurface in this game. DeBerg is not mobile, and he could be crushed by the Saints bruising defense. This should be a game where the Saints experiment with a more flexible offense. Don't count on it, though. It's a shame, because the Saints unimaginative and uneffective offense gets them through this game but continues to limit their potential beyond. Saints

EAGLES (5-2) at COWBOYS (6-1) Key stat: Eagles own a string of 15 consecutive games where opponents have rushed for fewer than 100 yards; Cowboys have lost only one fumble this season. Comment: A rematch of the Eagles 31-7 Monday night victory over Dallas in Week 5. Since, Philadelphia has lost to Kansas City and Washington and bas beaten. Phoenix: Dallas has beaten Seattle, Kansas City and the Raiders. Philadelphia misses Keith Jackson Philadelphia's chances here are solid. Dallas's are a touch better. Cowboys by 3½.

BROWNS (4-3) at BENGALS (2-5)

Key stat: Browns have committed only seven turnovers —fewest in the league; Bengals have dropped five straight and league wide rank next to last in passing offense. Comment: Cincinnati no longer possesses an entertaining offense and Cleveland has not featured one with any consistency this season. That makes the game a defensive struggle, and the Browns win that battle easily. Browns by 21/2.

COLTS (4-3) at CHARGERS (3-4) Key stat: Colts lost to San Diego, 34-14, in Indianapolis two weeks ago; Chargers have won three straight and are tied for second league-wide in rushing defense. Comment: Coach Bobby Ross opened 0-4 and then watched his team began to gel. The Chargers have featured a consistent defense and now the offense is catching up. The Colts are brimming with optimism after winning with style at Mi-ami, but the bubble bursts quickly. San Diego is allowing only 77 rushing yards per game and will apply intense pressure on the Colt quarter-back, Jeff George. Chargers by 7.

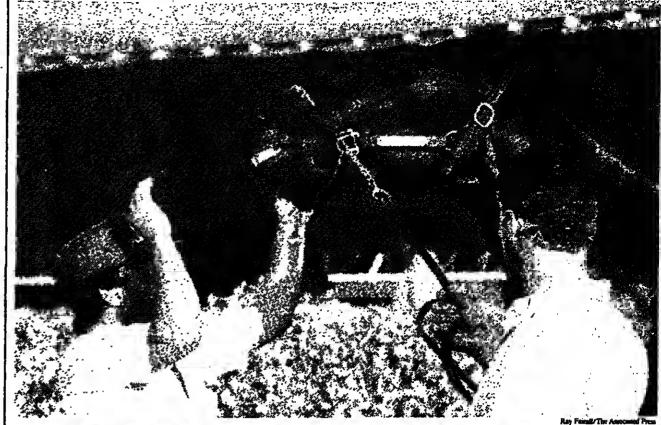
49ERS (6-1) at CARDINALS (1-6) Key stat: 49ers are averaging 166.3 rushing yards per game — no other NFL team is averaging 150 per game; Cardinals are 22-49 since moving to Phoenix in 1988. Comment: San Francisco has played at Phoenix only once. Four years ago, in a game they led by 23-0, the 49ers lost, 24-23. Of course, the 49ers went on to win the Super Bowl that season, so a repeat performance and another championship ring wouldn't bother the 49ers at all. Well, the 49ers may indeed win another title. They will not,

VIKINGS (5-2) at BEARS (4-3)

however, blow another game at Phoenix. 49ers by 13.

Key stat: The Bears' quarterback, Jim Har-baugh, has passed for 1,649 yards, second-most in the NFC to Steve Young, the 49er quarterback (1,706); Vikings have made 12 intercep-tions and tie for NFC lead with Rams. Comment: On national television, expect to see several replays of Mike Ditka's sideline tirade when Harbaugh called an audible and threw an interception returned for touchdown that cut the Chicago lead to 20-7 in an eventual 21-20 loss at Minnesota three weeks ago. Ditka says forget that. Few have, Beating the Vikings this time might help. And, ironically, expect Har-baugh to make the difference. Bears by 31/2.

These matchups of National Football League games were written by Thomas George of The New York Times. Odds were provided by Harrah's of Las Vegas.



Pleasant Tap, the favorite to win the \$3 million Breeders' Cup Classic, with his handlers after a workout in Hallandale, Florida.

Can Europeans Master Breeders' Dirt?

By Joseph Durso New York Times Service HALLANDALE, Florida By the dawn's early light, they were out on the dirt track learn-

ing how to race on American soil instead of European grass, how to turn left instead of right, how to bust out of the gate and shoot for speed instead of distance. And, on this clear and holony magning on this clear and balmy morning only two days before the \$10 million Breeders' Cup, some of them were running faster than anybody

They were the 21 horses from Europe — the largest group from across the ocean since the Breeders' Cup was inaugurated eight years ago - and they were rapidly adjusting to the American way of life at the race track. In fact, even racing under strange condi-tions thousands of miles from home, they were already favored to finish in the money in five of Saturday's seven races and to possibly dominate the Turf race, the mile and a half on grass that comes closest to their racing life

They included Subotica, winner of the Arc de Triomphe three weeks ago; Dr Devious, winner of the Derby Stakes in June, and seven other winners of Group 1 stakes in Europe. Also working out was the storied Arazi, whose first race in the United States was a startling victory in the Juvenile in last year's Breeders' Cup.

"For the first time," said James E. Bassett 3d, president of the Breeders' Cup, "we have horses from Europe entered in all seven races in the Breeders' Cup. This is the deepest and the best field of horses from abroad that we have

To get here, European horses have to fly the Atlantic, wait 24

hours in a quarantine barn, train on dirt for maybe the first time. eat the local food and drink the local water, adjust to the sultry Florida weather at Gulfstream Park and finally race the American speedballs on their home

Chris Speckert, who trains the

antine in New York before shipping to a track to race. They even burned the horse's blankets, they were so careful."

The transportation of the current herd from Europe had its violent moments. On Monday, a plane load of 18 borses from Ire-

American star Pleasant Tap, the

land and England encountered severe turbulence over the Atlan-The Europeans are at a complete disadvantage in this race. If they're frontrunners, they don't make the lead

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favorite in the \$3 million classic, put it bluntly.

"The Europeans are at a complete disadvantage in this race," he said. "If they're front-runners. they don't make the lead here. Then there's the American jockeys against the Europeans. They ride much tighter here. And it's a different surface entirely. Really, it's a complete disadvantage."

Clive Brittain, who will saddle the English filly Love of Silver in the Juvenile Fillies, said, "She has adapted very well over here." But he added: "I would not just bring

"In the old days," Brittain said; "you had to stay 48 hours in quartic, and the stablehands on board spent a frightening bour trying to calm their borses, some of whom were thrown to the floor.

The Irish filly Marling, who has won seven of her nine races, was unnerved and even missed a meal or two. Her trainer, Geoffrey Wragg, reported on Thurs-day that she seemed line again but added, "The incident didn't do her any good."

Marling warmed up with a lit-tle cantering on Thursday morn-ing. But her traveling companions put on a bit of a show during the mass workouts that began to fill the track shortly after dawn.

Rodrigo de Triano, who is 9 for 12 on the grass in England over the last two years, zipped three furlongs in 35 seconds. He is being quoted at 6-1 as Europe's chief hope against the American

With a purse of \$3 million, it is the world'a richest race, but it will be the first one he has ever run on dirt. His trainer, Peter Chapple-Hyam, said that little things could help, like the colt's little feet. The wider a horse's foot, racing people say, the better he will take to grass.

"He has small feet," Chapple-Hyam said, "much smaller than Dr Devious. And they should help him take to the dirt."

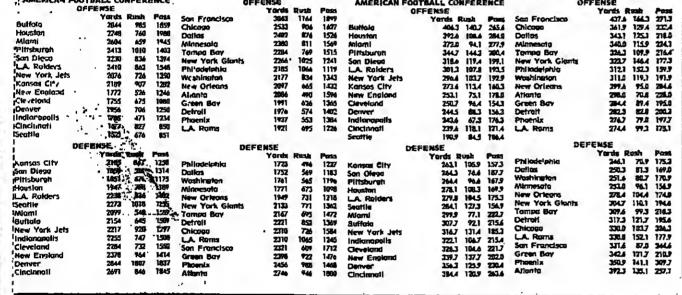
Jolypha, who raced in France and is the first 3-year-old filly from any country to run in the classic, worked five furlongs in 58:45 seconds, faster than any other horse on the track. Subotica worked the same distance in 1:0025. Dr Devious loped half a mile on the turf in 51 seconds. and Chapple-Hyam said that the horse would cross another inter-national frontier next month when he runs in the Japan Cup.

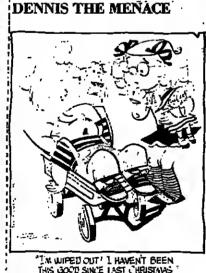
And Arazi, with Pat Valen-zuela in the saddle, held his first formal workout here and went four furlongs in 49:)5 on the turf in company with Stavros Niar-chos's Exit to Nowhere, who took two-fifths of a second more.

The Europeans said they were cheered by the firmness of the turf and were not intimidated by the tightness of the turns at Gulfstream Park. And Ray Cochrane, who will ride the champion European miler Selkirk, reflected the growing confidence of the trans-Atlantic racers when he said, "I'll ride him the same as in Newmar-

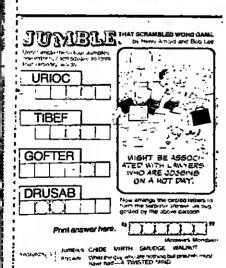
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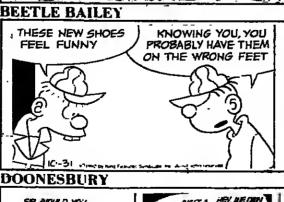


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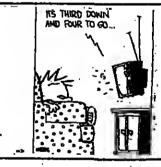












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Ruddock vs. Lewis: Fight for the Right' To Meet the Champ

By Ian Thomsen ional Herald Tribune

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LONDON - They hoth weighed in at 16 stone and change on Friday, they both wear mustaches and goatees and hair shaved at the temples, and they both, no matter what anyone says, are Canadian. In spite of the evidence, Don-ovan (Razor) Ruddock and Lennox Lewis are not mirror images of each other, even though early Senday incruing they will be fighting for the same thing.

Ruddock (27-3-1, 20 KOs) and Lewis (21-0, 15 KOs), the World Boxing Council No. 1 and 2 contenders respectively, are meeting at Earls Court here in the semifinal of what is a loosely formed world heavyweight boxing tournament.

"The Fight For The Right," as it is being billed, has been sanctioned as an eliminator bout hy the WBC. That group's president, José Sulai-man, in the process of hawking the thousands of remaining tickets, has promised to name the Ruddock-Lewis winner champion if he is not granted a title fight within 30 days by the undisputed champion, Evander Holyfield, or his challenger in a Nov. 13 bout, Riddick Bowe.

The Ruddock-Lewis fight carned additional credibility at the weighin Friday afternoon by the appearance of George Foreman, who is his sport a Goodyear Blimp. Its late starting time — after midnight in London — is for the benefit of the American pay-television channel [Home Box Office.

At 6 feet 5 inches (1.95 meters), Lewis is two inches taller than Ruddock. The two of them used to spar together in Canada, Ruddock weighed 231 pounds (104 kilograms) Friday, four pounds lighter than in his 12-round loss to Mike Tyson last year, Ruddock's lefthanded power and his experience against the likes of Tyson, Michael Dokes and Bonecrusher Smith have made him a 13-8 favorite.

Yet Tyson broke Ruddock's jaw last time. At 28, might such brutal-ities be starting to inhibit him?

"You know something? You might be right," Ruddock said. "We're going to find out Saurday night. But I've already fought one guy who was 25-0 with 23 knockouts, and I did O.K. I just had a brain scan and that went O.K. I

don't feel like there's anything

Lewis's advantage is his boxing ability. His plan to score points will work as long as he can avoid Rud-dock's left hand. Ruddock said, however, that he would be throwing more than one punch, thanks to his new trainer, Floyd Patterson.

If this is a crossroads fight for Ruddock, it's a breakthrough op-portunity for the 227,5-pound Lewis, the British and Commonwealth heavyweight champion, as well as the 1988 Olympic gold medalist for. Canada Born in England, be moved to Canada as a child.

Should Lewis win the world belt, he has suggested that he will move to England permanently and hold all title defenses there.

The other feature bout has Meldrick Taylor (29-2-1) defending his World Boxing Association belt against the No. 1 contender, Chrisanto Espana (27-0):



OVER AND IN - Pete Sampras en route to a 7-6, 5-7, 6-3 victory over Petr Korda on Friday in the Stockholm Open. Sampras was to meet Guy Forget in the semifinals. Victory in the tournament would move Sampras to the ATP No. 1 ranking for the first time.

A Russian Marathoner's New Goal in N.Y.: Victory

By Robin Finn New York Times Service

MARIETTA, Georgia - For Olga Markova, the slim dark horse whose sleeper run took her to the winner's circle of the Boston Marathon earlier this year and has made her the women's favorite for Sunday's New York City Marathon, loneliness became a thing of the past when she became a long-distance

Before she realized she was more than just the fastest girl in her class back in the Rus-sian industrial town of Koltino, where her family shared a two-room apartment, Markova watched her parents trudge to their factory jobs each day and wondered if she could fend off a similar future.

She tried skiing, but didn't really like the cold. She tried fine arts, but didn't really have a passion for them. Then one day she entered a townwide race called Test Yourself. Without effort, she won her group. Without anyone else noticing, she found her niche - and escape hatch.

"It would be impossible to make me run if I didn't want to." Markova said recently. "It's the best thing that could have happened. I'm interested in how long I can improve my results. I'm interested in the tiredness in my body, and running past it. I'm intrigued by the unknown around every

corner, and maybe someday I'll change, but racks at Macy's and has decorated her new now my life is in running.

For the last month, that life has been based here on the outskirts of Atlanta, where the inseparable training troiks of Markova, the manager-translator Grigory Viniar and the coach Viktor Smirnov have been living in a basement apartment in a pond-side brick

more than 160 kilometers (100 miles) every week, and has never bothered to get a driver's license because, of course, why drive when she can run?

Running has all but replaced breathing as the mechanism that keeps Markova's twiglike 100-pound (45 kilogram) frame in motion. And her training philosophy is doled

out in a 24-hour-per-day dosage.

"From the outside it might look like a prison," she said, "but 1 don't feel like a prisoner, I understand I have to be inside this process. And I can't remember the last time I wasn't thinking about running. It isn't be-cause my coach tells me to. It just comes from someone inside me." But running, while demanding total dedi-

cation, has opened up boundaries that would have remained closed without it.

"Two worlds I know now," said Markova,

two-room apartment in St. Petersburg with Western comforts like a microwave and a

She earned \$70,000 in 1991, and last spring collected \$60,000 from the Boston victory alone, more than enough to buy a pair of country dachas, one for herself and one where her widowed mother can enjoy Markova, 24, runs twice daily, covering growing the vegetables both love but could rarely afford in the past

Her goal, after New York, is to win at the world championships next year in Stuttgart; she seems certain that those laurels are in store in her career. But what seems equally certain is that she won't be able to count on a government pension once her running days

Markova, a quiet maverick, has never relied on the Russian sports federation for subsidies. Her initial sponsor was Izovsky Zvad, a massive metalurgical factory in her bometown. Then she joined COFIS, a group that adheres to International Amateur Athletic Federation rules but does not take its cues from the federation.

This year, in return for her decision to run at Boston in April instead of Los Angeles in March, which the Russian track and field federation declared its Olympic selection who has become adept at scanning the sales site, Markova was left off the Olympic team.

"We never break any rules, but we will not allow people to pressure us just because we are numers and they are the authority," said Vin-

Markova trained for the Boston Marathon training in Gainesville, Florida, a place she admired for its level, uncluttered roadways, which reminded her of home, and its abut dance of oranges, grapefruit and rainbow of fresh vegetation, which reminded her she As she finalizes her somewhat secretive

preparations for New York, the race where she ran a surprise second to Liz McColgan of Britain last year, Markova has been chugging tirelessly away alongside the Chattahoochee River near her apartment. No sprints, no weights, no steep hills: just

25 kilometers performed in loops on the dusty paths, sometimes a bout of leaping and lunging for strength purposes, then a few moments of full-body stretching where she employs her coach's back as her own personal Nautilus apparatus. Since winning Boston, Markova has come

to view marathons in a slightly different way. "Before Boston," she said, "I never thought about winning itself. But Boston showed me that I can, and so now I'm in a new position. I want to win.

Ex-Star Perez Is Selected to **Manage Reds**

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches CINCINNATI - Tony Perez, a star on Cincinnati's "Big Red Machine" championship teams of the mid-1970s, was named manager of the Reds on Friday and given a one-year contract.

Perez, 50, replaces Lou Piniella, who resigned as manager of the major league baseball team on Oct. 6. The Cuban-born Perez, mostly a first baseman, started on the teams that won World Series titles in 1975 He said his lack of managing

experience would not be a problem. "I'll be aggressive." Perez said.
"A lot of people think I'll be a sleeping dog. But I'm not a sleeping dog. I can do the joh. I know the players, I know the organization."

"The way I played the game, I always played to win," be added. "I'd keep myself in the game, as a clutch hitter. I know every aspect of the game. That's what I'll do as the manager. I'm going to stay with the game all the time. I'll do whatever it takes to win.

He becomes the fifth minority anager currently in the majors and the second named this week. Don Baylor was named manager of the National League expansion Colorado Rockies on Tuesday.

Cito Gaston of Toronto, Hal McRae of Kansas City and Felipe Alou of Montreal are the other minority managers.

Don Gullett was named the Reds' bullpen coach and Ron Oes-

ter became first base coach, with Dave Miley hired as bench coach. Perez was one of the most popular players on the Reds' World Se-

rics teams. He is also a favorite of the team's owner, Marge Schott, and has been with the club the last six years as an assistant coach and batting instructor.

Perez, whose nickname is "Doggie," gets along well with Schott on an important level: he publicly approves of her dog, team mascot

Schottzie 02. A source familiar with the managerial search said the team's seven candidates were asked during their interviews how they felt about the dog running on the field before games, a source of friction with players. Perez becomes the second for-

mer Big Red Machine member to

manage the Reds. Pete Rose took the club to second place in the NL West, but left after his 1989 banishment for illegal gambling. Piniella, a former New York

Yankee, replaced Rose in 1990 and led the team to a World Series sweep of Oakland. He became miffed with Schott this year and left after his contract ran out. Others interviewed for Piniella's joh were Ken Griffey, Oester, Mi-

ley, Marc Bombard, former Texas manager Bobby Valentine and former Mets manager Davey Johnson: Perez, from Camaguey, Cuba, joined the Reds' coaching staff in October 1986, as assistant coach. He later became batting instructor, at Schott's urging, and was retained on staff when Piniella was hired.

Perez played in six champion-ship series and five World Series. He built a reputation as a consis tent run-producer. From 1967 1976, he drove in more runs (1,02^d. than any player in the big leagn-

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Tyson Can't Attend Father's Funeral

PLAINFIELD, Indiana (AP) - Mike Tyson has not asked for permission to attend his father's funeral, and would not be allowed to go if he

asked, a prison spokesman said Friday.

The former heavyweight champion's father, Jimmy Kirkpatrick, 68, died in Brooklya, New York. Kirkpatrick left Tyson's mother, Lorna Tyson, and their three children in 1968 when the fighter was 2. Tyson did not see his father again until 1982, at his mother's funeral.

A prison chaplain told Tyson of his father's death on Wednesday. Kevin Moore, a Department of Correction spokesman in Indianapolis, said Tyson was "distraught and upset" by the news. But Tyson has not asked for a funlough from the Indiana Youth Center, where he is serving a six-year sentence for rape. State law allows temporary leave for some impates for funerals, but not out of state. The funeral will be in New York.

FIFA Stops Maradona Bayern Game

MUNICH (Combined Dispatches) — FIFA, soccer's governing body, has objected to Diego Maradona making a guest appearance for Bayern Munich in a friendly match with Paul Gascoigne's Italian club Lazio.

Because the exhibition was arranged as neither a trial nor a charity match, FIFA could see no reason to allow the Argentinian star, who plays for Sevilla, to play in the Nov. 11 match, Bayern announced. As a result the match has been cancelled.

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● In Zurich, FIFA asked Sevilla to deposit bank guarantees for \$4.5 million with a major Italian bank for Maradona by Nov. 10. A spokesman said the body had received a telex from the Italian soccer association on behalf of Napob that transfer terms had not been fulfilled by Sevilla.

Faldo Shoots Season's Worst Round

SOTOGRANDE, Spain (Reuters) - Nick Faldo, the world No. 1, shot his worst round of the year, a 79, to trail halfway leader Sandy Lyle by 10 shots in the Volvo Masters on Friday.

Lyle carved a one-under-par 70 out of the 6,920-yard (6,312-meter)

Valderrama course on Spain's south coast with a roller-coaster round of five hirdles and four bogeys. That gave him a 36-hole total of 142 for a two-shot lead over fellow Scot Gordon Brand Jr. and Irishmen Christy O'Connor Jr. and David Feherty.

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For Springboks, Tour Of U.K. Looks Stormy

LONDON -- Not for the first time, a South African rughy team was to be thrust under the microscope of world attention when it arrived in Britain

on Sunday.

As in 1969, when the Springboks spent much of their last visit dodging barbed wire and security cordons, rugby is also and a security condons on sider. most a secondary consideration. This may be 1992, but in several respects not much has

Then, as now, politicians and anti-apartheid groups were stir-ring up a light even before the plane landed. The embattled South Afri-

cans of 23 years ago had to endure witch demonstrations, attempts to set fire to their hotel and, among other disruptions, a speciator scattering un-tacks on the pitch at Gloucester. For the current team, things

should not be so bad. Their tour was given the rejuctant go-shead on Wednesday by the African National Congress, although the whill of potential disruption continues to hang in the air like a Naas Botha drop-kick. Yet there is a mounting feel-

ing that the Springboks are liv-ing on borrowed time.

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been mostly a huge disappoint-ment and, more crucially, suspi-

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cions are rife that the South African Rugby Football Union is dragging its feet over commitments to foster rugby in the black townships.
That charge led to the ANC-

aligned National Sports Council withdrawing its support for the four-match English tour, leaving South African rugby facing some stark choices. A temporary reprieve has been granted, but the apartheid bomb is once again ticking.

Older players like Botha, whose careers were so curtailed by the years of isolation, are used to it. As for the newer players, no one who witnessed the function following their test against New Zealand in August could doubt how big a hlow a return to exile would be.

The country's rugby chief, Danie Craven, soletnnly handed out Springbok caps to the numerous debutants like a man anointing his chosen flock, in an atmosphere not far removed from a religious ceremony.

Too much domestic self-congratulation has left Springbok rugby struggling to compete with technical advances elsewhere and recent test results have punctured any vain Afrikaner notions of superiority. New Zealand, Australia and

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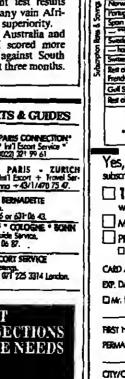
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MIAMI — Today I want to talk to you bushands about housework, and the importance of the sun. He glanced around to see if

helping your wives with . . . anybody was watting and helping your wives with . . . GROPE, he made a lighting-fast move to ease his discomfort. MEN. I see you trying to sneak out of this article. Get hack in here and

The International Labor Organization, an agency of the United Nations, recently did a survey asking women around the world how much help we men give them with the housework. According to the results, most women think we're

doing a splendid job. I'm joking, of course. The women basically said that, in terms of sharing the housework hurden. having a man around is like having a 197-pound lint ball permanently bonded to the sofa, operating the TV remote control and periodically onded to the sofa, operating the

generating dirty underwear.
This kind of criticism is nothing new. Somebody is always surveying women about men, and men AL-WAYS come out looking bad.

Just once I'd like to see a survey with questions that would tend to put men in a more positive light.

• "Which gender, on the average, is more likely to demonstrate the patience and perseverance necessary to teach a small child how in spit?" "In the evect of a family emergency, which gender is most likely in to be able to remember - coolly. a calmly and without panic — what a ... (position Clareoce (Choo Choo) tt-ten-cleman played?"

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But does the International Labor Organizatioo do a survey about this sensitive issue? No. it picks housework, which happens to be a weak point with us men. This is not our fault. We spent millions of years functioning as the food pro-viders in the family, and thus we are temperamentally and hiologically more suited to aggressively physical, strenuous, hunter-gatherer types of activities, such as golf.

Plus, on those rare occasions when a man does attempt to help out with some household respons bility, such as getting the kids dressed for school, he often discovers that his wife has established a lot of picky, technical rules, and if he doeso't do everything exactly right, he gets corrected, until finally

"Wait a minute," he snaps. "Are you telling me that they have to wear shoes EVERY SINGLE DAY?" And then he stomps off and tries to calm himself down hy gripping his

Another problem is that TV commercials for housework-type products are always aimed at women. We need commercials that would make housework appealing to guys. For example, there could be one where a guy opens up his refrigerator and sees . . . the Swedish Bikini Team!

They're trapped, stuck in the dense brown goo that formed when barbecue sauce spilled onto the hydrator! So the guy grabs some Pine Sol and uses its exclusive grease-cutting formula to rescue the Bikini Team members, who gather around him and express their gratitude by leaning over a lot.
Yes, the advertising industry

could definitely he doing a better job. But, men, it's up to you to make more of an effort to help out around the home. At the same time, you women out there need to become more aware of an important fact, one that is often overlooked amid the endless day-to-day hassles involved in running a household: Choo Choo Coleman was a catcher.

Istvan Szabo: Songs **And Symphonies**

By Joan Dupont C HICAGO — Dressed in black, from his Stuttgart-tailored jacket to his Ree-

boks, everything about Istvan Szabo's mien is discreet. Festivals have made his work famous and so he sits now, rapt and dutiful, on festival juries at Berlin, Cannes and Chicago. lt's not always comfortable, watching films to the tune of three a day, particularly

the fare from Eastern Europe, cluttered with confused imagery. When a farmyard allegory of post-socialist awareness is served up — slaughtered pigs spewing hlood, hammers and sickles flying every-where — while other jurors twitch and moan or snore fitfully, there is not so much as a sigh from the Hungarian director.

He can identify and he can he objective, which happens to be the name of his small Budapest production company. His latest film, "Sweet Emma, Dear Bobe," about teachers who have to trade their Russian for English to survive in the post-Communist world, was made within an industry that used to turn out 20 films a year for the sake of propagating an image abroad. These days money is short and American movies dominate the market:

"What counts is not the size of the production, but what you have to say - it can be about your kitchen, your home, your village or your country," he says. "I made 'Sweet Emma' with limited means: it was very important to speak out about what's happening around me in Hungary. I was angry and I made a film. That's all. A composer will make a symphony one day and the next, only a song."

Despite the passion he put into it, he does not expect "Sweet Emma" to have a significant international career.

All Szabo's films - from songs to symphonies - have a lot to say, and say it with brio; they resound with historic tremors, echoing the shifts and schisms of a regime that muffled voices and cut people down to less than human size. Although he began making movies - satires and fantasies - in the '60s, he became known ahroad for the 1981 Academy Award-winning "Mephisto" with Klaus Maria Brandauer as a corrupt actor, a rising star in the Nazi system, and "Colonel Redl," a spy intrigue riddled with class snobbery and treachery, remnants of the Austro-Hungarian military elite. He has also conducted opera — "Tannhāuser" at the Paris Opera — and "Meeting Venus," an international coproduction that was a romantic comedy about his misadventures.

Between projects, he plays the wandering scholar and jurist, a roving ambassador

Coal weather will cover Tokya Sunday and Monday, then showers ero possible Tuesday. Tropical Storm Else should remain east of Manila through at least Tuesday. Singapore will be warm and humd with some sunshine each day and just

from Ceotral Europe with an eye ont for ironies. Despite his jokes, homegrown and cosmopolitan (he laughs so hard he barely makes it to the punch line), the news from home is not good, as so many films from the former Eastern-bloc countries testify.

The problem, he thinks, is that filmmakers were obliged for so long to invent a symbolic language to get their messages

"A special flowery language," he says.
"It's cold outside meant the regime is very hard. But now, the regimes are over and they don't know what to do with the language; these filmmakers no longer know

how to speak straight."

The extreme example, the ultimate cinema of tortured communication, comes from eastern Germany. "They've been taught that the Nazis were all oo the other side, to the west." be says. "They never faced the problem of anti-Semitism. Once the carpet of communism was removed, they were left with the same postwar mentality. They never evolved. So they are not able to talk with human words, that's why they have to speak louder, more aggressively, with sarcasm. They swear and shout."

Szabo has taught film in London and Berlin and will direct "Boris Godunov" in Leipzig next year. Although he speaks several languages, he never did master Rus-sian, which he studied for 12 years. "I think that's because I was learning from teachers who didn't want to teach it," he says wryly. Language remains a constant frustration: "If you ask your actors for something deep, you want unique words - a word like a

knife — I suffer not knowing languages, especially the nuances." Unimpressed by the trappings of the new European melting pot, various commissions and think tanks redolent of the socialist period, the director is determined to stay attuned to the undercurrents of his coun-

try's culture and past.
"The street that I live on has changed names so many times it's ridiculous," he says. "With each change, they try to wipe out the past."

History is the playing ground for his imagination and be holds on fast; The Austro-Hungarian Empire was a fantastic phenomenon — the reason Hollywood wa created and deeply influenced by Central Europe was because the empire had been made up of different nationalities and reli-gions. So if you wanted to sell something on the village market, you had to know how to reach a Catholic, a Jew, an Orthodox, a Muslim. To sell your product you needed to understand a huge audience and this be-



Filmmaker Szabo: On the road as festival juror.

came part of your blood, your internal knowledge. The empire also had a kind of humanity, a bright liberal mentality based on the classics and the Bible. So the people who went to Hollywood had this internal knowledge, they knew exactly what to say to reach an audience, to entertain; they knew how to be tolerant, plus school knowledge: these things together gave as Lubitsch and Wilder and many others."

Although a cautious optimist, he shakes his head at the idea that Central Europe will have further major impact on Hollywood: "It's over. The most important thing, the liberalism, the tolerance is over; the culture is not here. Nobody cares about the Roman Empire or Greek democracy. If you ask a young man today who was Antigone, I'm not sure you'll get an answer; if you say

Macintosh it's part of his culture. Szabo was born in Budapest, on the eve of World War II, and his father, a surgeon m a Catholic hospital, sent him to a Catholic school. "My father died when I was six, so I never got a chance to discuss religion with him, but my mother was strongly antispiritual and that's always been a subject of conflict. I'm not religious, but I deeply

Understanding his origins and his Jewish identity came late, "when I understood that you cannot change identity because some people want you to; you have a certain knowledge and you cannot free yourself from this knowledge."

He became a director, he says with a selfdeprecating smile, because he was too lazy to become a doctor. "My teachers pushed me to be a clown, an entertainer — that's what I did at school - I love the spotlight."

Supreme entertainers, the kind he strives to be, include Kurosawa, Fellini, Burtuel, especially Bergman. "a filmmaker who liberates through emotion, who entertains me

"When I see a Bergman film, I have the feeling that he knows my problems, so I'm not alone; his films have helped me like medicine. If people watching my characters on the screen feel that they have-similar problems, maybe I can find a kind of community with them; it makes feeling alone not so hard."

Joan Dupont is a Paris-based writer spe-

Who's on Broadway? A Flash From the '60s How's this for an encore? Into the kinder, gentler "90s, comes an icon of the "60s. "Tomany" is going in Broadway, beginning in April. "Who?" you ask. That's right. For those too old to care or too young to remember, "Tormny" was the 1969 rock musical by the Who. It tells the story of a young boy, just after World War II, who is traumatized by witnessing his mother's infidelity and becomes psychosomatically deaf, mute and blind. He seeks refuge in his uncanny ability to play pinball. "Tommy" has been dramatized in various ways, including Ken Russell's wacky 1975 movie, but it has never received a fullscale musical theater production. The director, Des McAnuff, and Pete Townshead, the composer and a founding member of the Who, are adapting the show for Broadway. Madonna's X-rated book "Sex" has nudged retired General Norman Schwarzkopf's "It Doesn't Take a Hero" out of the No. I spot on The Washington Post's bestseller list.

of his widely anticipated film "Malcolm X." Spike Lee, the director, has told the media that he prefers black journalists to interview him, according to Bernard Weinraub of The New York Times. Lee spoke heatedly about his re-quest. "I'm doing what every other person in Hollywood does: They dictate who they want to do interviews with."

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A Spanish court has judged that the singer Julio Iglesias is the father of a 16-year-old boy, after Iglesias failed to turn up for tests that would have shown whether he was the child's father. The judge de-clared Javier Sanchez, from Valencia, to be the singer's son. Javier's mother, Maria Edite Santos, described in the Spanish press as "a former nightclub dancer and body-builder," said she had lived with Iglesias, and during the court hear-ing she produced photographs of her and Iglesias together.

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MEMORIES OF THE FORD ADMINISTRATION By John Updike. 371 pages. \$23. Alfred A. Knopf.

Reviewed by Christopher Lehmann-Haupt But memories of the Ford admin-Will any readers miss the iro-ny in the title of John Updike's 15th and latest oovel, "Mem

ories of the Ford Administration" and try to summon up remembrance of the years from August 1974 through December 1976? In case we have still not caught on by the end of the book, Updike's narrator lists the Mayaguez, Helsinki, the Nixon pardon, the evacuation of the embassy staff from Saigon, all of which he feels had a positive resolution, and cheek: "As far as I know, he was

roe. Further, he was the only president to preside with a name completely different from the one he was iven at birth, Leslie King Jr. President King' would have been an awkward oxymoron."

istration? For Alfred L. Clayton, professor of history at Wayward, an all-female junior college beside the once-beautiful Wayward River here in southernmost New Hampshire," memories of the Ford administration have mostly to do with sex.

Alf himself is going a little crazy from too much sex. He has left his wife. Norma, whom he calls the Queen of Disorder, and taken up with Genevieve Mueller, or the Perfect Mistress, with whom he cohabitates under the microscope of Up-

perfect, which can be said of no dike's sexually inquisitive prose. other president since James Mon-Sex has not made him free.

When Alf's 80-year-old mother asks him what the problem with his marriage is, Alf responds: "I'm the problem. I like it out there, out of this house. I'm moving my Buchan-an book along at last." And in fact he is writing a book about the 15th president of the United States, As Buchanan app

Memories of the Ford Administration," in episodes that weave in and out of Alf's sexual adventures, you realize that his administration stands in subtle contrast to Gerald Ford's. As president when the American Civil War began, Buchanan was trying to hold the country together before it fell apart, whereas Ford, as Richard Nixon's successor, brought il together after it had been sundered by Watergate.

Far more dramatic, however, is the emerging contrast between Bunan's personal character and sided. As Alf takes an odd pleasure in pointing out, Buchanan was, as far as history can tell, our only virgin president. As a young man he was engaged to an oversensitive woman named Ann Coleman, who broke the engagement in a jealous fit when she learned that her fisnce had "paid a prolonged call" on two sisters who lived nearby.

Here in this slyly amusing novel, Updike has tried to lead greater substance to ghosts by dressing them up and giving them speech. It will he worth watching to see in what bright distant quasar this de-parture may eventually take him.

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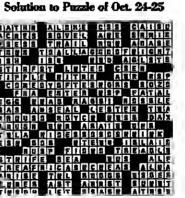
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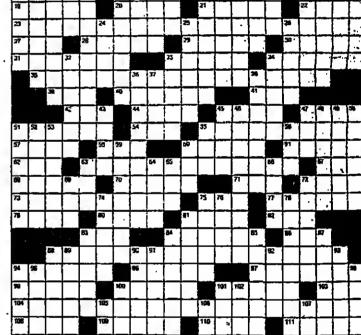
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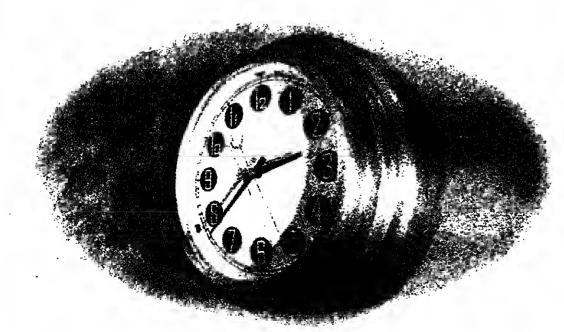
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